Dear Education Committee,

I am writing to **Oppose the SB 1105,** ABA is a specific field. This bill states that anyone can supervise a BCBA or BCaBA "including, but not limited to, persons employed as psychologists, speech therapists and positions requiring certification pursuant to section 10-145b with an endorsement in special education," these professionals are not trained in ABA so how can they supervise someone who is.

In the state of CT there is not enough SLP's, special education teachers & psychologists now to service our children and you want to give them more work, work that they are not qualified for. Then the words "including, but not limited to" is saying anyone with a certification can supervise how can the state of CT allow that to happen.

Autistic children need experienced well trained ABA certified professionals to deliver the proper services. Without the proper education these children will regress and the state of CT will end up paying more money in the long run.

Is it fair to put Autistic children's education last by not giving them the best services delivered by the most qualified professionals? A certified BCBA has had to take specific courses & do 1500 field hours to become certified in the field, a BCaBA has had to take specific courses and do 1000 field hours to become certified. These are only people that should be allowed to deliver & supervise Applied Behavior Analysis that is taught to our Autistic population.

Thank you for listening,

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