

My name is Meredith Letso, residing at 93 Poverty Hollow Road, Newtown CT.

I am e-mailing to voice my concern over the proposed changes in legislation regarding certification of ABA providers. As a sibling of a 21 year old with autism, I have grown up witnessing the effects of proper education, and the disastrous results that occur when proper certification or providers are not provided. Without honest certification in ABA, there is a strong chance of regression, which is deeply concerning to me as a sibling of someone with autism. Furthermore, I believe that by opening up the allowable providers to those with *any* certification effectively makes a joke of the field, or at the very least does not take seriously that which affects the lives of children and families all throughout the state.

Thank you,

Meredith O. Letso.