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To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to oppose bill # HB5537 Section 42[6]. Currently Applied Behavior Analysis is not within the scope of practice of Speech Language Pathologists. SLP's are not required to take any classes in behavior analysis and do not have any training or experience requirements in the field of behavior analysis as a part of their requirements to become SLPs. As a result of this, if this bill passes the direct consumers of ABA services (children, families, school districts) will be negatively impacted as a result of the lack of training for SLP's in behavior analysis. In addition, this bill would negatively impact other professionals such as Board Certified Behavior Analysts as well as School Psychologists who receive training in behavior analysis. Any proposed bill attempting to expand SLP's scope of practice must first be reviewed in accordance with Public Act 11-209; an act concerning the Department of Health's Oversight Responsibilities relating to scope of practice determinations for Health Care Professionals.

Thank you,

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