

Cynthia Woodis West HB 5537

Dear Mr. Ryan -

Please VOTE NO on HB 5537, section 6 on Friday, morning, March 14th.

Of course Speech and Language Pathologists do good things for their clients, but this profession is NOT interchangeable with ABA Services. Speech Language Pathologists are not required to take any classes in behavior analysis, nor do they have any training or experience requirements related to the provision of behavior analytic services as part of their training to become SLP's. ABA is not currently within the scope of practice of Speech Language Pathologists.

Behavior Analysis and the scope of practice of Behavior Analysts has been defined in existing CT legislation, and this expansion of an SLP's scope of practice would negatively impact other professionals including but not limited to Board Certified Behavior Analysts and School Psychologists.

Any proposed expansion of an 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.

Feel free to contact me about this matter at the number below.

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