

Erica Bauer
HB 5537

Hello!

My name is Erica Bauer, I am a graduate student currently pursuing my Master's degree in Applied Behavior Analysis, as well as certification as a Behavior Analyst. I am writing to inform you that I oppose HB 5537, Section 6 regarding the expansion of the scope of practice of Speech and Language Pathologists (SLP's) to include providing and overseeing Applied Behavior Analysis programs in Connecticut.

As a student of behavior analysis that has worked with many SLP's in my experience within the school system, I am very concerned about this proposed bill for the following reasons:

- ABA is not currently within the scope of practice for SLP's, and overseeing/providing behavior analytic programming is against their code of ethics as professionals
- SLP's are not required to take any behavior analysis classes, and are not required to obtain experience or supervision requirements towards behavior analysis during the course of their training
- I am concerned about the negative impact that this bill could have on professionals (BCBAs) that are certified to implement behavior analytic programs

Please do not support this bill!

Thank you!
-Erica Bauer
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