

Members of the Public Health Committee

Re: HB 5537 Section 42 (6)

Connecticut Public Act No. 09-115 clearly defined the scope and practice of Behavior Analysis and prescribed those who can provide ABA (Applied Behavior Analysis) services.

Working closely with speech pathologists in public schools since 1995 as a Behavior Analyst with the CREC River Street Outreach Program and currently as a Board Certified Behavior Analyst, BCBA, since 2001, our areas of expertise differ. Speech pathologists are not trained to deliver behavioral programming. Allowing individuals to deliver programming for which they are not trained is cause for concern. Individuals requiring the services of a BCBA are entitled to protection and practitioners who have met the requirements to sit for the BCBA exam, pass the exam, and maintain certification. I urge you to OPPOSE Bill HB 5537 Section 42 (6).

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