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HB 5537

My name is Heather Gagliardo and I oppose HB 5537, Section 42 [6]. I oppose this bill for a variety of reasons. First off, Speech Language Pathologists are not required to take any classes specializing in behavior analysis and do not receive adequate training in this area. If SLP began implementing behavior analytic strategies consumers of ABA services would be negatively impacted. 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.

Thank you,
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