

My name is Laura Bunda, 352 Green Hill Road, Madison, Ct 06443 and I oppose HB 5537, Section 42 [6].

ABA is not within the scope of the training, and qualifying credentials of SPLs. 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.. Consumers of ABA services would be negatively impacted by this modification to an SLP's scope of practice. 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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