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To Whom It May Concern:

As a board certified behavior analyst practicing in Connecticut, I am opposed to bill HB 5537, specifically section 6.

Applied Behavior Analysis is not within the scope of practice of Speech Language Pathologists. They are not required to take any classes or complete any experience or training related to behavior analytic work.

I work in a school that the behavior analysts and speech pathologists collaborate closely on many projects. They have many areas of expertise, however, behavior analysis is not one of them.

It would be unethical to expand the scope of practice of Speech Language Pathologists to behavior analysis.

Sincerely,

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