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To: Connecticut Public Health Committee

Re: SB 1089, Bill to License Board Certified Behavior Analysts

To Whom This May Concern:

My name is Cristina Guazzelli and I live in Stratford, Ct. As a Board Certified Behavior Analyst (B.C.B.A.), I provide Applied Behavior Analytic services throughout southeast Connecticut, for children of all ages, whom have been diagnosed with either a behavioral, emotional or developmental disability at their schools and/or within their home.

I am sending you this email to make known that I am enthusiastically in favor of SB 1089 sections 23 – 29, to license all current Board Certified Behavior Analysts.

This bill would allow parents seeking evidenced based treatment for their child, an easier process and a more pleasant experience in accessing a Behavior Analyst that could provide such services, through their insurance company.

For parents of children with behavioral, emotional and developmental disabilities this would be one less battle to fight and one less financial worry as a result of you passing this bill.

Passing this bill would mean that insurance companies will recognize these evidenced based technologies that Behavior Analysts utilize for treatment, as part of their Behavioral Health care options and would be willing to compensate such provider, accordingly.

For all existing Board Certified Behavior Analysts, passing this bill to license all B.C.B.A.'s would mean that we can now work with most insurance companies, resulting in expansion of our services for those who need and would benefit from it.

In closing, I would like to make known that I, Cristina Guazzelli, B.C.B.A., am wholeheartedly in favor of the SB 1089 sections 23 – 29, bill that would grant us licensure in the state of Connecticut.

Thank you, in advance, for your time and consideration in this matter.

Respectfully,

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