

My name is Nicole Groskreutz. I hold a PhD in Disability Disciplines, with a Specialization in Applied Behavior Analysis, and I am a doctoral level Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA-D). I am currently contracted with the University of Saint Joseph, in West Hartford, CT, tasked with developing an Undergraduate Major in Applied Behavior Analysis in conjunction with faculty from the Counseling and Applied Behavioral Studies Department. In addition, I provide consultation to Chapel Haven, which is an organization in New Haven, CT that provides services to young adults on the autism spectrum, preparing them to live independently, and to hold a job, or attend college. Although I currently live in MA, I previously lived in Madison, CT, and I have provided behavioral consultation and BCBA supervision to staff in multiple public schools across the state. I have also taught as an Adjunct Faculty member at Southern CT State University, within their post-master's program, for student pursuing certification as Board Certified Behavior Analysts.

I am writing you in support of SB1089. I have practiced as a Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) since 2005, and I am confident that it is necessary to have qualified professionals providing behavior analytic services. Licensure will ensure that these qualified professionals provide behavior analytic services. Over the last five years, Connecticut has enacted a number of laws supporting the development of Behavior Analysis as a professional discipline, including insurance funding for Behavior Analysis services for children with autism. However, some insurance companies are denying payment of these critical services because qualified providers hold national certification rather than state licensure. Licensure would help to ensure that behavior analytic services are covered for these children.

Thank you for your time, and please do not hesitate to contact me if I may be of service.

With kind regards,



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