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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of SB 1089 Sections 23-29. I am a Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) and practice in the state of Connecticut.

Licensure on the state level for behavior analysts will provide protection for it's consumers, the majority of which suffer development developmental disabilities including autism spectrum disorder, intellectual disabilities, and other disorders which significantly effect behavior.

There are currently 458 BCBA's in the state of Connecticut, however, many more use the term "Behavior Analyst" based on unregulated experience or coursework. By regulating the use of this terminology, consumers will be able to clearly identify appropriately credentialed providers to deliver behavior analytic services. Moreover, consumers can be sure of these providers credentials based on required coursework, supervised experience, and examination. Finally, such a bill will prevent those who have not satisfied such requirements from being deceptive in the delivery of their skills and credentials.

In closing, I enthusiastically support this bill and believe that it will significantly improve the accessibility and delivery of behavior analytic services in the state of Connecticut.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments,

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