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To Whom it May Concern,

I am writing to briefly express my support for licensure of board certified behavior analysts SB1089 (sections 23-29).

Applied Behavior Analysis is a well-established, evidence-based discipline. Behavior analysts utilize evidence-based principals of learning to address the needs of children and adults with autism and other developmental disabilities, to modify challenging behavior and teach a number of new skills to increase the quality of life of the individuals they work with.

Licensing behavior analysts would increase consumer protection, and would provide a means of regulating the practice of ABA.

Licensure of behavior analysts will not impact other professionals' scope of practice at all. The proposed licensure bill includes language that specifically protects the rights of other professionals who have behavior analysis within their scope of practice.

There are currently 19 states that license Behavior Analysts, and several more who are still in the process.

Thank you for your time,

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