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Members of the Public Health Committee
Hartford, CT

Dear Members of the Public Health Committee:

I am writing to express my adamant support for sections 23 – 29 of SB 1089 “An Act Concerning Mental Health Services.

I am a behavior analyst for the Cheshire Public School District during the day and Area Cooperative Educational Services (ACES) in the evening. I work in a field full of acronyms, foreign terminology, and a confusing science to anyone who has not studied or worked in the field. The people trying to navigate this field are vulnerable parents already overwhelmed by having a child with a disability. I have encountered too many parents that have dealt with people who are not qualified to handle their children. A licensure would spare them from situations like these, ensuring a person with proper training in evidenced-based practices will be the one to help their child.

Please pass the bill that will protect this field and the vulnerable population it serves.

Sincerely,

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