



March 17, 2015
Attention: General Assembly
Re: SB1089 (Sections 23-29)
Cc: Committee on Public Health
Cc: Representative Cathy Abercrombie
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Creative Interventions, LLC (CI) is among the largest providers of comprehensive Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) services for children ages birth-18 in the state of CT. Our medically necessary services include home and community based ABA services. CI works with a number of funding sources such as DDS, DCF and commercial based insurance plans in order to provide medically necessary ABA services. Additionally, we provide school-based ABA interventions and consultation across the state. We deliver services that focus on parent/guardian training. We follow a coaching model to encourage caregiver implementation of strategies. Our organization has approximately 20 Board Certified Behavior Analysts (BCBAs) and 2 Board Certified assistant Behavior Analysts (BCaBAs) who oversee the work of approximately 80 Technician level providers. All of our BCBAs, BCaBAs and ABA Therapists are highly skilled in the application of ABA for children with a diagnosis of Autism. Furthermore, our services are among the most well respected in the state of Connecticut. Creative Interventions has been providing highly effective services to children for over 11 years.

CI would like to formally thank those involved in raising SB1089 (sections 23-29) an act concerning mental health services with subsection related to a licensure for Behavior Analyst. There are approximately 19 other states who have adopted a license for Behavior Analyst, and many additional states that are in the process. Moreover, our surrounding states have already adopted a license for Behavior Analysis: Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and New York. We commend those involved with raising this important issue that is timely and necessary to maintain CT great reputation for consumer protection for mental health matters. As an organization we are in full support of a license for behavior analyst for a number of reasons, the biggest and most important in our opinion is to strengthen consumer protection. There are over 400 BCBA/BCaBAs in the state of CT, many of whom providing services to the most vulnerable of individuals. Having a license would provide consumers in the state of CT a means of regulating service provision. Thank you for reviewing my testimony. I urge the committee to support next steps of achieving a licensure for behavior analysts in our great state.

Sincerely,

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