

Please accept this letter requesting your support of bill SB1089 (sections 23-29) -licensure for behavior analysts- that the Connecticut Public Health Committee has raised which includes language to license BCBA's and BCaBA's. Since the Commissioner of Developmental Services, in consultation with the Commissioner of Children and Families, established a pilot program for persons with developmental disability and persons who have been diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder behavior management services through the use of behavior analysis, the State of Connecticut has already endorsed the field and established the fact that applied behavior analysis is an essential and integral part of a complete program for these individuals. Those currently practicing within the professional guidelines of the Board for the Certification of Behavior Analysts would qualify as the experienced experts in this science.

By supporting this bill and the standards that it supports, you in turn, endorse professional standards and THE most effective treatment for autism known today.

I urge you to support bill SB1089 (sections 23 – 29) which supports the populations we serve and the professional standards we also support.

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