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To whom it may concern,

My name is Patricia Lewandoski and I am a Certified Behavior Analyst. I am writing to support **SB 1089 sections 23 – 29**.

I am one of 458 BCBA's that reside in Connecticut. I have worked in the field of Applied Behavior Analysis for over 10 years, and have been certified by the BACB for 2 years. In that time I have seen how my work has impacted the lives of countless children and families. **SB 1089 sections 23 – 29** will allow families in the state of Connecticut access necessary services through Medicaid and private insurance plans. Moving into the future it is likely that Medicaid and other insurance companies will change the language written into their plans to require licensed professionals to provide these valuable services.

Establishing **SB 1089 sections 23 – 29** will protect the consumers of ABA services. It will ensure that qualified professionals are providing necessary services to children and families across the state. Currently many schools, agencies and families are devoting valuable time and money into assessing those who are qualified to provide these services. Establishing a state standard would allow those schools and agencies to use that time and money in other ways.

In closing, I want to encourage you to pass **SB 1089 sections 23 – 29**. This law will not only help establish a standard of care in the state of Connecticut, but allow children and families access to these services with confidence.

Thank you for your attention to this matter,

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