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Senator Gerratana, Representative Ritter and Members of the Public Health Committee

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**Re: SB 1089 An Act Concerning Mental Health Services**

This letter is written to provide testimony in SUPPORT of SB 1089 (sections 23-29) in favor of licensure of behavior analysts in the state of Connecticut. It is important that licensure be established for a growing field of experts who provide behavioral services to children and adults with special needs and behavior disorders.

I live in Norwalk, Connecticut and have heard of the problems our public schools have faced because of people impersonating behavior analysts. I urge you to consider passing this bill as it will push for consumer protection of individual with mental illnesses, developmental disorders, autism, and related disorders.

I support SB 1089 (sections 23-29).

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