

Letter of support for raised bill 292
AN ACT CONCERNING BEHAVIOR ANALYSTS

I support the raised bill 292 which will establish licensure for behavior analysts in the state of CT. Applied behavior analysis is a distinct, scientific means of understanding and changing socially significant human behavior. It has been found to benefit persons with varying degrees and types of difficulties, particularly those with intellectual disability and autism spectrum disorder. Given the increasing number of persons with needs served by behavior analysts, the demand for qualified professionals in this field is great, creating the need to regulate its practice for the protection of the public. As a professional who recommends and evaluates the provision of applied behavior analytic services in a variety of settings, I have witnessed the benefit that qualified practitioners can bring to their clients and the harm that unqualified practitioners can cause. Creating a state licensure for behavior analysts will formalize protection and will potentially have the benefit of increasing access to services and third party reimbursement for them.

I strongly recommend that the committee pass this bill, enabling Connecticut to join the ranks of the many other states in which this important profession is formally regulated.

Kind regards,
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