

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing in support of SB 292, an act concerning the licensure of behavior analysts. I am a Board Certified Behavior Analyst practicing in Connecticut and New York, and am a Licensed Behavior Analyst in the state of New York. As such, I have experienced first hand the benefits of state level licensure, and strongly urge you to consider this for the state of Connecticut as well. Such a bill will lead to increased consumer protection for those seeking behavior analytic services, particularly those with developmental conditions that may expose them and their families to increased vulnerability.

There are currently 548 certificated individuals certified to practice by the Behavior Analyst Certification Board, however many more providers use the term "behavior analyst" to describe their expertise and area of practice. By regulating the use of this terminology, consumers will be able to clearly identify appropriately credentialed providers to deliver behavior analytic services. Moreover, consumers can be sure of these providers credentials based on required coursework, supervised experience, and examination. Finally, such a bill will prevent those who have not satisfied such requirements from being deceptive in the delivery of their skills and credentials.

In closing, I enthusiastically support this bill and believe that it will significantly improve the accessibility and delivery of behavior analytic services in the state of Connecticut.

Thank you for your consideration of these comments,

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