

State of Connecticut: Public Health Committee,

I am certified with the BACB and currently working as a district BCBA within a Connecticut school system. I happen to also be in the process of establishing my own independent practice supporting families in their homes with BCBA services and therefore, licensing is extremely important to me right now.

I encourage you to support SB 292, An Act Concerning Behavior Analysts. This act will improve protection for consumers, expand access to services and support third party reimbursement for behavior analytic services.

All surrounding states, including Rhode Island, Massachusetts and New York, currently license Behavior Analysts and there are over 500 Behavior Analysts currently residing in our fine state. This additional process will help to affirm that ABA is a distinct discipline, separate from other practices.

I also urge you to support an exception be added to the bill that allows for direct line staff who work under a licensed Behavior Analyst or licensed Assistant Behavior Analyst.

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