

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to share my support of SB 292, concerning state licensure of Board Certified Behavior Analysts (BCBAs). I am not only a practitioner of Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) working under the guidance of a BCBA, with a professional stake in the passage of this bill, I am also the parent of a child who receives ABA. Therefore, this bill is important to every aspect of my life, as I wish to ensure that the Behavior Analysts that I work with, as well as those providing services to my child, meet a standard high level of qualification. Without licensure, it is possible for lesser-qualified practitioners to claim competency, making it difficult for parents like myself, school districts, insurance providers, and others to ensure quality of care. Connecticut must immediately join the twenty-four states that already require licensure of BCBAs, including neighboring New York, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island. The timing for this bill is perfect, as it can easily be incorporated into the implementation of the new Medicaid requirements concerning ABA provision. Thank you for your immediate attention to this matter.

Best regards,

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