



March 16th, 2023

Senate Committee on Public Health and Welfare
Kansas State Capitol Room 142-S
300 SW 10th Street
Topeka, KS 66612

Re: HB2340

Chair Gossage and Members of the Committee,

My name is Ali Wilbert and I am a Board Certified/Licensed Behavior Analyst and Licensed Masters Level Psychologist (BCBA/LBA/LMLP). I own a small business providing ABA intervention services to individuals and their families in Southeast Kansas, the first brick and mortar clinic of its kind in the region. I was also honored to be the 10th licensed behavior analyst in the state of Kansas following the establishment of the licensure type several years ago. With these things in mind, I am submitting this letter in opposition to the current proposed draft of HB 2340.

HB2340 in its original form, had a provision for adding a LBA to the Board following a recommendation brought forth by the Behavior Analyst Advisory Committee. This provision was removed in the House Committee on Health and Human Services without obvious opposition (as indicated in the history of the bill on the Kansas Legislature website). The removal of this provision does not reflect the large increase in licensed behavior analysts in the state since the introduction of this license type and leaves a large number of professionals without adequate representation within our own licensing and regulatory board. Each of the other disciplines that are licensed by the BSRB have at least one, if not multiple, representatives on the board.

The removal of this provision may result in the BSRB making critical decisions that impact behavior analysts and the implementation of behavior analytic services in the state of Kansas without a full understanding of the ramifications due to a lack of knowledge and understanding of the field of behavior science as a whole. Licensing boards making decisions regarding the practice of behavior science without understanding the ramifications can be seen in states such as New York, who originally restricted the practice of behavior analysts to only working with individuals with autism, despite evidence that ABA is effective outside of that population.

Please consider amending HB 2340 to restore the original language related to LBA representation on the BSRB. (Please refer to HB 2340 as introduced, page 60, line 17.)

Thank you for your consideration,

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