



**Support with amendment to HB 2340**

**Re: Requirements of the Kansas Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board**

March 16, 2023

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

Chair Gossage and Members of the Committee,

I submit this written testimony as a Licensed Behavior Analyst and small business owner providing Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) services in Kansas. I have been an ABA provider for 15 years and am actively involved in community outreach and advocacy efforts. I serve on the BSRB Behavior Analysis Advisory Committee, Autism Society – The Heartland Executive Board, and our state ABA organization, KansABA.

Currently, behavior analysts are licensed through the BSRB but do not have representation on the Board. HB 2340 originally included a provision to add a Licensed Behavior Analyst (LBA) to the BSRB but it was removed in the House Committee on Health and Human Services.

It is critical for the BSRB to include representation by experts in behavior analysis, just as it does for all other represented disciplines. Licensed Behavior Analysts serve highly vulnerable populations in Kansas, including individuals with disabilities such as autism and intellectual disability. Behavior analysts provide services in a specialized manner that requires a comprehensive understanding of our science and discipline. From serving on the Board's Behavior Analysis Advisory Committee, I have directly witnessed the harm that can result from this lack of representation.

I urge you to amend HB 2340 by restoring the original language related to representation by a behavior analyst on the BSRB. This is a necessary and overdue change to protect Kansas citizens receiving ABA services.

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