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To whom it may concern:

Re: HB2340

As a small business providing behavior analysis to Kansas residents, as well as the organizer of the Kansas Grassroots ABA provider advocacy group, I am submitting this letter in opposition to the current proposed draft of HB 2340. In order to support this HB, the provision which would add a licensed behavior analyst (LBA) to the Behavioral Sciences Regulatory Board (BSRB) needs to be included to ensure adequate representation of all disciplines.

As part of HB2340 in the first draft, there was a provision adding a LBA to the Board based on a recommendation of the Behavior Analyst Advisory Committee. This provision was removed in the House Committee on Health and Human Services without an obvious opposition of it provided in the history of bill on the Kansas Legislature website. The removal of this provision means that a large group of licensed individuals go unrepresented on the very board that licenses them. This is especially concerning since there are multiple representatives of single disciplines serving 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 complete expertise or comprehensive understanding of behavior analysts as a discipline and science.

Please consider an amendment or modification to reinstate the provision adding a behavior analyst to the BSRB.

Sincerely,

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