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Re: HB 2340

To: Chair Gossage and Members of the Committee

My name is Kimberly Becker, MS, LBA, BCBA licensed in the State of Kansas. I have been working with legislators, community organizations and service providers for over 20 years in support of Applied Behavior Analysis services to Kansans. This work includes current legislation and the Autism Steering Committee.

Upon reading the current proposed draft of HB 2340, I am writing to respectfully request the provision to add a licensed behavior analyst (LBA) to the Kansas Behavioral Services Regulatory Board (BSRB). In review of the documents provided on the Kansas Legislative website there was no apparent opposition or even discussion related to removing this recommended position.

While there is a behavior analyst advisory committee that makes recommendations to the BSRB, behavior analysts do not have a position on the board. Behavior Analysts are the only profession not represented on the board currently which consists of 3 psychologists, 2 social workers, 2 counselors, a marriage and family therapy member and 4 public members.

Personally and on behalf of Behavior Analysts and ABA organizations in Kansas I request you please consider amending HB 2340 to restore the original language related to adding a Licensed Behavior Analyst to the BSBR board. (Please refer to HB 2340 as introduced, page 60 line 17.)

Thank you for your consideration,

Kimberly Becker, MS, LBA, BCBA