

Email Title: Support for Bill# SF 0425 – HF 0332

Hello Representative or Senator _____,

My name is _____ and I am a _____. (Provide a quick bio here).

I am writing to you today to ask for your support of Bill# SF0425-HF0332 discussed during this Spring 2022 legislative session that would provide licensure for Board Certified Behavior Analysts (BCBAs) and Board Certified Assistant Behavior Analysts (BCaBAs) in Minnesota. This bill will have a significant effect in our community in the following three ways:

- 1) Increase treatment fidelity-**This bill will allow families to know which service providers are providing evidence-based behavioral services to individuals they serve (e.g., autism, developmental disabilities, and other mental health issues). Licensing will help reduce the misuse of behavioral principles and techniques not implemented or consulted with a BCBA or BCaBA.
- 2) Decrease the BCBA/BCaBA workplace shortage-** Between 2017 and 2018, the demand of BCBAs increased by 127% in the United States with over 16,000 job postings for BCBAs alone in 2018 (see [BACB website](#)). Currently there are only 250 BCBAs in Minnesota. According to the Council of Autism Service Providers ([CASP](#)), the recommended caseload for BCBAs is between 10-15 clients. In order to meet the shortage of BCBAs in Minnesota, **1500** are needed to serve our people with autism. This does not include other settings where BCBAs and BCaBAs can be beneficial such as schools, hospitals, homes, clinics, and residential settings.
- 3) Serve the community-**Currently, the wait to receive Early Intensive Developmental/Behavioral Services funded by the Minnesota Department of Human Services takes at least two years or more. This bill will allow for service providers to decrease the waiting time for individuals they serve as well as increase the amount BCBAs and BCaBAs that can provide proper assessments and treatments for our community.

In addition, “add a short personal story here to why this bill is important” (Special Note: Great for families to provide what this will mean for their son or daughter). (OPTIONAL)

In summary, Bill# SF0425-HF0332 will help provide high quality services that our community tremendously needs and deserves. Further inquiries can be sent to **“your name and contact information here”**.

All the Best,

“Your name here”