



Senator Melissa Wiklund, Chair
Health and Human Services Committee
2107 Minnesota Senate Building
St. Paul, MN 55155

February 18, 2024

RE: Support for SF 3523 / HF 3741

Dear Senator Wiklund,

I am writing on behalf of Fraser, Minnesota's largest provider of children's mental health services, to request your support for Senate File 3523, the Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) Licensing bill.

Senate File 3523 creates a licensing structure for Board Certified Behavior Analysts which is essential to ensuring public safety, access to quality care and a career path within the healthcare sector. Thirty-seven other states have already moved to license BCBAs for these very reasons.

Fraser offers Applied Behavior Analysis at 12 clinic locations throughout the state of Minnesota, including at our Bloomington location. Under the leadership of Board Certified Behavior Analysts (BCBAs) staff work closely with clients to implement individual care plans. The children and adults receiving ABA services make progress toward goals they identify for themselves. Goals that allow individuals to more fully participate at school or in the community.

The need for BCBA services exceeds the number of qualified providers in the state. Professional licensing will help clients and providers assess quality for BCBAs who are currently working in Minnesota or BCBAs who may consider offering services here. Professional licensing also provides a career path for individuals who want to enter the field.

Thank you for taking time to consider SF 3523. This bill has the potential to increase access to quality care for many Minnesotans. If you have any questions, you are welcome to call or email me at Abigail.Vavra@fraser.org or 612-767-7565.

Sincerely,

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