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Rep. Dan Saddler,

I am writing this letter to support HB 361 – Licensing of Behavior Analysts. I am a Behavior Analyst in private practice in Anchorage. I provide in-home ABA services to children with Autism and other developmental delays. I am a Board Certified Behavior Analyst at the Doctoral level. I am also licensed as a Behavior Analyst in the state of Missouri.

As a practitioner, I believe licensure is extremely important for the state of Alaska. This bill creates a method for licensing Behavior Analysts that aligns with the national certification from the Behavior Analysts Certification Board (BACB) and matches licensing requirements in other states, such as Missouri. Creating a license for Behavior Analysts will allow for better regulation of those providing behavior analytic services so that providers are implementing techniques founded in the science of Behavior Analysis. This license will also allow for more consumers to access Behavior Analytic services that have previously not been covered by insurance companies that require a provider with a state license to provide services.

I believe that HB 361 is necessary to improve Behavior Analytic service availability and quality in the state of Alaska. I am pleased that this bill is being considered and I fully support it.

Sincerely,

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