

The Honorable [*Senator Name*]
[*Position on committee if relevant*]
[*Sacramento Office Address*]

[*Today's Date*]

Re: **SB 479 (Bates) Support**

Dear Senator [*NAME*]:

I am writing in **support of SB 479**, the bill that will create licensure for behavior analysts in California.

I am a [*insert title here*] and have been working in the field of behavior analysis for [*indicate how long you have been working in the field*]. ABA is a scientific discipline that has decades of research showing it to be an effective treatment for various conditions including autism, traumatic brain injury, learning difficulties, behavior problems, as well as challenges associated with typical development.

An important component of ABA intervention is that the treatment plan be developed and supervised by a clinician with the appropriate training, experience, and credentials in applied behavior analysis. I strongly support the Behavior Analyst Licensure Bill because a state license would be based on certification by the Behavior Analyst Certification Board (BACB) and help consumers and the State of California identify those practitioners with the proper background and professional experience to provide effective ABA therapy.

SB 479 would **protect consumers** and also ensure that individuals in need of ABA services receive it from qualified professionals.

[*This is personally important to me because...*]

I urge you to support SB 479 and protect consumers who receive treatment based on ABA.

Sincerely,

[*your name and title*]
[*your address*]
[*your city, state, and zip code*]
[*your phone number*]