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Written Testimony in Support of SB 2340

Chairman Elkin and Senate Education Committee,

For the record, my name is Dr. Katherine Terras. I represent Certification Central, ND's 1st Alternative Educator Preparation Program approved by the NDESPB. We train behavior intervention specialists at the graduate level. We are in support of SB 2340 with one minor amendment under Section 1, 4.b:

SECTION 1.

15.1-06-19 Counselor positions- Requirement

4. For purposes of this section,

b. "Counselor" means an individual who meets the requirements of an approved program of graduate study in school guidance and counseling from a college or university approved by the education standards and practices board, a school psychologist recognized by the education standards and practices board, a behavior intervention specialist recognized by the education standards and practices board, a licensed applied behavior analyst, or a licensed social worker, licensed professional counselor, licensed marriage and family therapist, licensed psychologist, or licensed addiction counselor.

Behavior intervention specialists and licensed applied behavior analysts are trained in behavior skills training, preventative practices, environmental modifications, and crisis/safety management. These services can be delivered across all grade levels and populations of students, as well as using large, small, and one-on-one instruction. The inclusion of behavior intervention specialists and licensed applied behavior analysts will help reach this workforce need while ensuring students have access to highly skilled professionals to meet their social, emotional, and behavioral needs. This concludes my testimony. I will now stand for questions.

Resources:

Behavior Intervention Specialist Endorsement Requirements (ND ESPB):

<https://www.nd.gov/esp/sites/www/files/documents/Behavior-Intervention-Specialist%20-Special-Education-Endorsement-best.pdf>

Licensed Applied Behavior Analyst Requirements (ND Board of Integrative Health):

<https://ndlegis.gov/information/acdata/pdf/112-05-01.pdf>