



March 2, 2026

The Honorable Senator McCray
Maryland State Senate
James Senate Office Building, Room 221
Annapolis, MD 21401

Re: SB 898 - SUPPORT AS AMENDED

Dear Senator McCray:

On behalf of The Qualified Applied Behavior Analysis Credentialing Board, we write in strong support of SB898 with the proposed amendments.

Amendment 1 improves clarity and accountability by explicitly naming the Behavioral Intervention Certification and Qualified Applied Behavior Analysis Credentialing Board in statute and removing the vague reference to “other credentialing entity.” Clear statutory language ensures consistent standards and transparent oversight for professionals serving vulnerable populations.

Amendment 2 advances equity and workforce access by requiring that individuals seeking certification to provide Applied Behavior Analysis services as technicians have access to a Spanish-language version of any accepted national certification examination. If such a version is not available, the Department must work with the credentialing entity or identify an equivalent pathway that provides a Spanish-language examination. The Qualified Applied Behavior Analysis Credentialing Board already offers a Spanish-equivalent certification examination, ensuring linguistic barriers do not limit access to certification or services. Expanding language access strengthens the workforce and better serves diverse communities.

For these reasons, we respectfully urge favorable consideration of SB898 with Amendments 1 and 2.

Respectfully submitted,

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