Good day, Chairperson Sarlo and members of the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee. My name is Cathy Chin and I am here on behalf of the Alliance for the Betterment of Citizens with Disabilities comprised of 58 member agencies located across the state, providing community services for individuals with developmental disabilities at every stage of life and at every level of independence. Thank you for this opportunity to voice our support of S3099 the Applied Behavior Analyst Licensing Act as amended.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Majority Leader Weinberg for her leadership and commitment to working on improvements to the bill of which there are many not the least of which is the clarifying language which will ensure that access to licensed professionals will not be reduced or negatively impacted for the individuals ABCD serves, and the exemption for the first five years of Early Intervention providers from the requirements of the bill.

Thanks again to Majority Leader Weinberg, Chairperson Sarlo and members of this committee for protecting the public welfare and ensuring public access to providers.