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**Testimony to Nebraska Applied Behavior Analyst
Technical Review Committee**

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Thank you for giving me the opportunity to speak with you today about proposed licensure of behavior analysts in Nebraska. My name is Dr. Gina Green. I am a Board Certified Behavior Analyst – Doctoral and currently the Chief Executive Officer of the Association of Professional Behavior Analysts (APBA), a nonprofit professional association that is focused on the practice of applied behavior analysis. The Nebraska Association for Behavior Analysis is an APBA Affiliate organization.

Part of APBA's mission is to advocate for public policies to support the practice of behavior analysis. Consequently, over the past 13 years I have worked

on behavior analyst licensure bills, laws, and rules in more than 40 U.S. states. As you may know, since 2009, 36 states have adopted laws to license behavior analysts. Many laws that have been adopted in recent years are based on the [Model Behavior Analyst Licensure Act](#), which is published by APBA. The model act proposes to establish a behavior analyst licensing board to parallel the state regulatory structures for many professions and ensure that the practice of behavior analysis is overseen by members of the profession along with some public members, such as consumers, if required by state law. As of now, 12 states have or will have stand-alone behavior analyst licensing boards.* Those boards work effectively to develop rules for implementing the licensure laws, process applications, and protect consumers by investigating allegations of misconduct by licensees and of individuals who may be practicing behavior analysis without a license.

In the large majority of the 36 states with behavior analyst licensure laws, a principal qualification for a state license is current certification by the well-established nonprofit national credentialing body, the [Behavior Analyst Certification Board](#), or BACB. That makes operation of the state licensing program cost-efficient, because the licensing board needs only verify that each applicant is

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currently certified by the BACB, which signifies that they have met all education and training standards set by the profession and have passed the national professional examination in behavior analysis. As an example, Kentucky was one of the first states to adopt a behavior analyst licensure law with a stand-alone behavior analyst licensing board and BACB certification the main requirement for the state-issued license. [Data](#) from the Kentucky Applied Behavior Analysis Licensing Board shows that application and other fees have more than covered the cost of operating the licensure program. The Board's budget has been in the black every year since 2011, even as the numbers of licensees increased from 20 in 2011 to 527 in 2021.

I respectfully urge you to support adoption of a behavior analyst licensure law for Nebraska that establishes a stand-alone licensing board to oversee the practice of behavior analysis. Thank you again for this opportunity.