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February 20, 2007

Dear Senator McDonald, Representative Lawlor, and Members of the Joint Committee on Judiciary:

My name is Dr. Christine Farber. I am a member of the Connecticut Psychological Association (CPA), psychologist, and co-chair of CPA's Legislative Committee. I am writing in support of Senate Bill 1109, An Act Concerning the Deprivation of Rights on Account of Sexual Orientation, and Senate Bill 1044, An Act Concerning Discrimination.

The negative, psychological impact of discrimination is well documented. I urge the committee to support these bills in an effort to reduce discrimination against a class of citizens who, unfortunately, still remain largely unprotected under the law. Discrimination based on either sexual orientation or gender identity is damaging to its victims and to our communities.

No individual should lose a job because of sexual orientation or gender identity. No one should lose a home, or a chance to live in a certain home, because of sexual orientation or gender identity. No one should be faced with losing their dignity because of such discrimination. We urge you to support this legislation and to take one more step toward ending discrimination and the needless pain it brings to individuals, families, and communities.

Thank you very much for your consideration of this important matter.

Sincerely,
Christine H. Farber, Ph.D.