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Dear Chairman and Members of the Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee:

Please join me in supporting of Raised Bill 5034, "An Act Concerning An Education Doctoral Degree Program In Nursing Education", and I believe you should all support the measure as well. The shortage of nurses in our state has been largely due the lack of professors that teach nursing. This bill allows for a clear pathway that aspiring nurse educators can take in order to advance their careers. This in turn, will create more educators in the nursing field.

The proposed bill would permit the Connecticut State University System (CSUS) to offer the Ed.D. Program in nursing education by clarifying the authority to offer masters and education doctoral programs. The creation of new nursing faculty also addresses the current Registered Nurse shortage by providing more faculties to educate more nurses.

This will result in more nursing education and will address the growing need for nurse educators at both two and four year institutions. The program will produce up to 80 new faculties over the next ten years.

In regards to the fiscal impact, no new state dollars are required for this initiative. Southern and Western will share resources including faculty, technology, classroom space, etc. As for the proposal calling for an addition of two faculty members each year for the first four years of program delivery, the CSUS received \$300,000 in federal funding in FY 2010 for this purpose.

In closing, I hope you will join me in supporting this initiative that will create jobs and opportunities for Connecticut residents. Please contact me if you have any further questions. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jason W. Bartlett". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent flourish at the end of the last name.

Representative Jason Bartlett