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TO: Honorable Members of the General Assembly

FROM: Christine H. Farber, PhD
Director, Connecticut Psychological Association Board

March 11, 2011

I am writing to you as a practicing psychologist in the state of Connecticut and as a board member and legislative co-chair of the Connecticut Psychological Association (CPA) with regard to **Raised Bill No. 6549**, *An Act Concerning the Department of Public Health's Oversight Responsibilities Relating to Scope of Practice Determinations for Health Care Professions*.

On behalf of the Connecticut Psychological Association (CPA) and its approximately 500 members, I would like to express our support for proposed legislation and for any formalized process that aims to make changes to the scope of practice of health care professionals both more objective and more transparent. We support the involvement within the process of the health care professionals whom the changes would affect. Furthermore, we believe that a process marked by objectivity, transparency, and comprehensive disclosure of related information- as outlined in Section 1 of RB No. 6549- will best protect both the public and the appropriate practice of the professionals involved.

CPA was involved in the discussions that took place in 2010 regarding this issue, and we would be happy to be involved in future discussions and to answer any questions that arise as a result of the hearing.

Thank you for taking our feedback regarding this proposed legislation into consideration.

Sincerely,

Christine H. Farber, PhD

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