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**Testimony for the  
Public Health Committee  
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On behalf of the member institutions of the Connecticut Conference of Independent Colleges (CCIC), I am submitting testimony on **S.B. 1202, An Act Concerning the State's Health Care Workforce** which requires the Department of Public Health (DPH), in collaboration with other state agencies and the public higher education institutions, to develop an academic initiative that addresses the critical shortage of health care professionals in the state.

CCIC supports this proposal but recommends that the bill be revised to require that DPH consult representatives of the state's independent colleges and universities given the critical role that they play in training our future health care workforce. Combined, the Connecticut independent colleges and universities award 63% of the degrees earned in this state in the Health Profession and Related Clinical Sciences, according to the Department of Higher Education data. As such, any academic initiative developed by DPH would be incomplete without taking into account all of the work being done by the independent colleges and universities in this state to graduate students in this field.

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Mitchell College, Quinnipiac University, Rensselaer at Hartford, Sacred Heart University, Saint Joseph College, St. Vincent's College,  
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