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Dear Members of the Select Committee on Children:

My name is Traci Cipriano, and I am writing as a member of the Connecticut Psychological Association's (CPA) Legislative Committee, as well as a practicing psychologist in the state of Connecticut, **in support of the increased accountability for institutions utilizing restraint and seclusion**, as proposed in **Raised Bill No. 5347, AN ACT CONCERNING THE REPORTING OF CHILDREN PLACED IN SECLUSION**.

Raised Bill 5014 proposes increased reporting requirements and accountability for institutions utilizing physical restraint or seclusion. Restraint and seclusion are non-therapeutic measures of last resort. CPA supports increased reporting requirements and oversight with regard to restraint and seclusion, in an effort to eliminate abuses of these measures.

CPA would be pleased to be a resource regarding this issue as well as any other mental health- related topics that arise in the future.

Respectfully,

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Connecticut Psychological Association Legislative Committee