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Senator Gerratana, Representative Ritter, members of the Committee

My remarks address Section 4 of the Bill

I am a master prepared APRN and I am concerned about the membership of the Connecticut State Board of Examiners for Nursing.

Medical professions regulated by peers is a valid concept and proven effective. But for the Advanced Practice Registered Nurse profession there is extremely limited representation on the licensing board. Current language allows for just one APRN position. This lack of peer review raises questions regarding an appropriate level of understanding for adequate regulatory responses.

I respectfully request that at the very least one additional APRN position be added. All APRNs deserve to have fair hearings by their peers, individuals with experience in advanced nursing and familiarity with applicable statutes. As the number of advanced practice nurses increases and diverse areas of practice continues to expand, greater representation will be helpful for the board to fulfill its mission.

Thank you for your consideration of this request and for the opportunity to raise my concerns.

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