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**From:** ralphandlinda@charter.net  
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**To:** PHC Testimony  
**Subject:** Raised Bill No. 414

Dear Senator Gerratana, Representative Ritter, Committee members,

Thank you

for raising bill No. 414. I am a Family Nurse Practitioner and work in an Infectious Disease Clinic in Waterbury, CT. The majority of my clients have HIV and often have disability forms, CL&P forms or entitlement forms to be completed at least yearly and currently these require a M.D. cosignature or signature to complete the form for processing. I independently care for these clients and this is a barrier to the care that I provide as I must have a physician who does not even know the client or remotely knows of the client, sign the form. Not only is this inconvenient but often just another unnecessary step I need to do. If this bill is passed, it would allow me more time to be efficient in the care I provide and the forms I complete to be able to see more clients and focus my time on patient care. I hope that this information lends support to the bill to be presented at the Public Health Committee Public Hearing on March 16, 2012.

Sincerely,  
Linda Sapio-Longo, APRN  
Family Nurse Practitioner