

Members of the Commerce Committee

March 7, 2013

Testimony in favor of Committee Bill No. 5568 AAC Targeted Health Areas  
Commerce Committee

Senator LeBeau and Representative Perone  
Honorable Chairs and Members of the Commerce Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to address this issue. The state's interest in creating incentives for Primary Care Providers to serve a very underserved population is commendable. The major Primary Care Providers in private practice in CT are Physicians and Advanced Practice Registered Nurses. The Committee may or may not be aware that Advanced Practice Nurses have been in private practice in CT since 1999 and many serve the very populations this bill is targeting. We need more such businesses. Hence, the reason for this bill.

In the interest of reaching more patients, we ask that the language be amended to also list Advanced Practice Registered Nurse practice. This is very important because such a practice incentive to address targeted areas to serve patients, should not exclude available CT Primary Care Providers.

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