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As an Ear, Nose, and Throat specialist practicing in Norwalk, I am keenly aware of the nuances and subtleties inherent in specialized medical practice. As often referenced in a humorous manner, some medical specialists have the reputation of "speaking their own language" when communicating with the rest of the medical community.

If knowledge is doubling every eight years, no single person can keep up with it. Exponential growth of knowledge leads to massive ...specialization. - Jim Carroll

This level of specialization and sub-specialization continues to evolve and grow in complexity as technological innovation and advances in scientific research add to our body of knowledge. The physician practicing today increasingly has to rely on medical specialties to provide the best care for their patients.

Given these facts, it is evident that the judicial process to review cases of potential medical malpractice must keep pace with the level of complexity of the case itself. Insight and appreciation for understanding the medical decision making, judgement, and behavior of the clinician in a given case can only be ascertained by an expert in the particular field.

For these reasons, I am urging you to oppose HB 6687.

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