

HB 6592

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Good morning Senator Gerratana and Representative Johnson and members of the Public Health Committee. My name is Rachel Chaput. I am submitting testimony in support of Raised Bill 6592: An Act Concerning Certified Homeopaths. I would like to ask the committee members for their support of this bill. I believe it is extremely important to maintain health freedom in this country. Medical care has become very restrictive. The law in CT which says that only physicians can provide homeopathic care to the public is antiquated and works against the best interests of CT citizens. While physicians in many cases make good homeopaths, homeopathy is extremely different from modern medicine, and works through a very different paradigm. In many cases, physicians are not the best homeopaths, but rather a nonmedical person who has dedicated his or herself to the study of homeopathic health care is sometimes capable of better and more thorough treatment. It is preferable to offer a variety of options to the public so that they can choose the professional best for their situation. I am not suggesting that just anyone be able to provide homeopathic care. There is a credential which is recognized worldwide as being a marker of rigorous education and clinical experience, and that is the CCH (Certified Classical Homeopath). I myself took the CCH exam only 3 weeks ago. I have been studying for this exam for several years. I studied at the School of Homeopathy, New York, and graduated in 2004. This is a four year school which requires two years of clinical experience on top of classroom training, but a lot more was required before I was eligible to sit for the exam. When you allow CCH homeopaths to practice homeopathy, you are ensuring that the homeopaths practicing in your state are very well trained and have a very clear idea of what is, and what is not, appropriate for homeopathy to treat. A good deal of our qualifying exam revolves around danger situations where we are required to bring in a medical professional. We are trained to work collaboratively, or to refer, in these situations. I think the people of CT

will profit by having more CCH homeopaths available and practicing their art and science in the state. Thank you for your attention today.

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