

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

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RAISED BILL No. 6391 AAC THE PRACTICE OF ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES.

Testimony of Lisa Haut, APRN FNP-C, IN SUPPORT OF RAISED BILL No. 6391

Senator Gerratana, Representative Johnson, and members of the Committee

My Name is Lisa Haut, APRN . I am a Family Nurse Practitioner. In 2002-2003, I had opened my own family practice in Brookfield, CT. I had left a physician owned practice in Newtown, CT. Many of my patients, approximately 500 over the year, chose to have their primary care at my office. I also accepted Medicaid and Husky, I was one of the only providers accepting new patients in the area, including pediatrics. I had a collaborating physician, who after the year felt that the collaboration was a liability and ended the agreement. I was unable to find another collaborating physician after calling various physicians. Several potential collaborators requested a monthly fee, which was prohibitive as my practice was new and not making a profit. I was forced to close my practice. My patients were forced to find another primary care provider. I also lost my financial investment.

Even with my own practice, there were multiple issues with lab and radiology results, the results would go to my collaborators office, not mine. The consensus was that my office was a satellite of my collaborators practice, not an independent practice. This was a deciding factor for my initial collaborator to withdraw from the agreement. If the collaborative agreement was not a requirement in the state of Ct., my practice may have been successful providing primary care to the area.