Good morning Senator Gerratana and Representative Johnson and members of the Public Health Committee:

My name is Diana Gubbay from Bethel, CT. I am writing to testify on Raised Bill 6592: An Act Concerning Certified Homeopaths. I am in strong support of the bill for statutory recognition which would allow homeopaths who are Certified by the Council for Homeopathic Certification to practice in our state.

I am a homeopath with the above mentioned certification. I have had to practice in New York City for many years, commuting out of my home and community to use my skills as a homeopath, building a thriving practice that has supported myself and my two children. Over eighteen years of practice with people in all ages and stages of life, I have seen many people receive help with homeopathy. In numerous incidents, costly procedures and medications have been avoided. I receive regular referrals in New York from health care professionals of all kinds: medical doctors, psychotherapists, chiropractors and others who have confidence that homeopathy can help their patients.

The following personal experience is what inspired me to become a homeopath: Twenty-two years ago, when my son was 3 years old, he was diagnosed with Vesicoureteral Reflux. His symptom was a constant urging to urinate that interfered with his ability to play or sit for any length of time. Although there was no infection present, there was a possibility that the kidneys could suffer if a bacterial infection occurred. The medical recommendation was to put him on daily antibiotics for one year, and then to reevaluate.

Concerned for the long term effects of prolonged antibiotics for my young child, I consulted a homeopath to see if there was an alternative route. My son's case was taken in great detail and a homeopathic remedy was prescribed. He took one dose only, one time only, of the prescribed remedy, and his symptoms disappeared within a week. There was no need to give him antibiotics at all. There were no side effects, and no recurrence of the condition. He grew and thrived through all the normal stages of childhood development after that.

I spent several years studying homeopathy before attaining the required hours of study and supervised practice to enable me to sit for the six hour certification exam. After certification, professionals with CCH credentials must complete annual Continuing Education Credits, and so my education continues to the present date, following the model of many professional organizations.

I strongly urge you support this bill. Many people in our state will benefit. Allowing qualified homeopaths to practice here will bring a valuable, low cost health alternative to people in the state of Connecticut. I would love to be able to hang a shingle proudly in my home state.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

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