

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

My name is Janice O’Keeffe, from Southbury, CT. I am writing in support of Raised Bill 6592: An Act Concerning Certified Homeopaths. I strongly support this bill for statutory recognition. I support allowing Homeopaths, who have achieved the highest level of homeopathic education and training through national certification, to be recognized to practice homeopathy in Connecticut.

A certified homeopath has many years of education and experience in their field. Although it is a “different” approach than most people in the United States are accustomed to, I feel it is far safer to work with a homeopath to find the right remedy to cure an ailment. It is an alternative to traditional medicine that would benefit many people. The availability of more homeopaths in Connecticut is a step in the right direction as we enter into a time where we do not know what is happening with our medical system. If more people have access to a good homeopath, they will be healthier and less of a burden on our already overtaxed health care system.

A homeopath is able to take the time to actually get to know their patient and be able to treat that person with remedies suited to the individual, not a pharmaceutical drug prescribed to the masses. This is not a criticism of medical doctors, but the reality is, with the health care crisis we face in the United States today, our doctors do not have the time to develop a relationship with the patient.

I have used homeopathy for almost a dozen years now to treat myself and my family. I feel that it is far healthier to take a remedy to treat an illness, rather than a medication, that in many cases will just cover up the symptom rather than cure it. Homeopathic remedies are extremely safe. I have never heard of any one overdosing on a homeopathic remedy, but hear daily of people overdosing on prescription drugs. It is far more affordable than taking a prescription or even over the counter medication.

I have used homeopathy with my children for years, and would far rather give them a remedy than put drugs into their system. I have learned so much regarding homeopathy, from the wonderful homeopaths that I have been blessed to find, that I feel like I am better able to take care of my family.

I do have to tell you that finding a good homeopath within a reasonable distance is difficult. At one point, I was consulting with a homeopath, by phone, who had moved out of state. Although phone consultations can be great in some cases, it is important to be able to see your homeopathic practitioner face to face.

In this day and age, I know many people that prefer a natural approach to health care. It only makes sense to allow the residents of Connecticut an option in their health care. Access to more certified homeopaths gives people another alternative. The more individuals that we have taking care of their health, regardless of how they choose to do so, creates a healthier environment for all.

Please support [Bill 6592: An Act Concerning Certified Homeopaths](#). It is only fair to give people another option in taking care of their health and the health of their families.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Janice O'Keeffe

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