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**Public Health Committee
Public Hearing
Friday, February 28, 2014
Testimony In Support**

**HB 5146 AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE OF PUBLIC SCHOOL HEALTH ASSESSMENT
FORMS BY YOUTH CAMPS AND DAY CARE CENTERS**

Dear Chairs Representative Susan M. Johnson, Senator Terry B. Gerratana, Ranking members Representative Prasad Srinivasan M.D., Senator Jason C. Welch, and distinguished members of the Public Health Committee,

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to speak to you today on behalf of HB5146 regarding universal health forms.

Two years ago I was contacted by a friend whose son's doctor shared the paperwork challenges he and other doctors have with yearly health forms. Since I submitted a bill last session, I've heard from many more doctors and still more parents who support the idea of a single form.

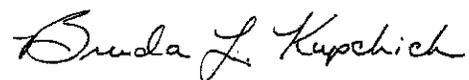
Every year parents drop forms for numerous camps, activities, sports camps, day care centers etc all requiring the basic information needed, immunizations, any health problems, allergies etc, however, every organization has a different format for their health form.

Some doctors charge a fee to fill out multiple forms as it takes a lot of time away from their administrative staff's time. It's also a burden for parents who need to continually visit the doctor's office to drop and pick up health forms for every activity. Connecticut should work with doctors and organizations to produce a Universal Health Form for all activities located in our states borders or simply modify the form our public schools use.

I'm hopeful the committee will agree to pass a bill that would direct the Department of Public Health to work with doctors and organizations to produce a Universal Health Form for Connecticut.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Brenda L. Kupchick".

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