

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Patricia Monahan and I live in Norwalk, Connecticut. I am a licensed massage therapist (in NY and CT) and a homeopath. I practice in New York State because I am not allowed to practice homeopathy in my home state.

I would like to add my voice to the public support of Bill 5327, allowing trained homeopaths to practice freely in the State of Connecticut. The law, as it presently stands, is antiquated according to present day health practice. Allowing only MDs to practice homeopathy is arbitrary and unusual in that MDs are no longer trained in homeopathy. There is a national standard of training for homeopaths, the CCH exam, that is accepted around the world. So why not in our fine state? I think there is confusion as the nature of homeopathic practice today inherent in the present law.

Homeopathic remedies are sold over the counter in all 50 states, approved by the FDA and are not harmful. Even herbal remedies can cause problems when mixed with pharmaceuticals or taken improperly, but homeopathic remedies do not. A recommendation from a capable homeopath would certainly benefit the customers purchasing the remedies that are sold here.

Aside from these inconsistencies, the greater good would be served by allowing homeopaths to practice here. My son and several other children with ADHD have benefitted greatly from homeopathic treatment. And with the rash of spectrum disorders now in evidence, certainly homeopathy can at least ease symptoms for some of these children. I have seen a wide variety of symptoms improve or disappear with the help of professional homeopathic treatment, including asthma, Lyme disease (several cases) and endometriosis, to name but a few!

It took a long time for acupuncture to be accepted in Connecticut, but now it is widely used and covered by larger insurance companies. Homeopathy bears some similarity to acupuncture, except that it does not require physical touch or puncturing the skin in any way. It is vibrational medicine, which will one day be commonly accepted as well.

I sincerely hope you will pass this bill, allowing trained homeopaths to practice here as it will greatly benefit the people of Connecticut.

Yours Truly,  
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