

**Public Health Committee
Public Hearing
Friday, March 14, 2014**

Good morning Chairs Senator Gerratana and Representative Johnson, Vice Chairs Senator Slossberg and Representative Miller, Ranking Members Senator Welch and Representative Srinivasan, and Members of the Public Health Committee.

My name is Dr. David Goodkind, and I thank you for hearing my testimony today. I am here today in support of **Senate Bill 418: An Act Concerning the Department of Public Health's Recommendations Concerning Medical Spas**. I would like to thank the Public Health Committee for raising this important concept and sustaining its discussion.

Medical Spas are facilities that preform surgical and non-surgical procedures, and at present have no Connecticut licensure requirements, which means there is no regulatory oversight from the Department of Public Health. No regulation or oversight means no inspections, no infection control requirements , or other guidelines or services which would be made available to patients in a formal hospital or similar location.

Medical Spas exist in which clients can have procedures performed without the physician supervision which would be available to patients in a properly run setting. In the past, physicians have cited examples of needing to treat patients who at one time had been clients of these Medical Spas and needed corrective intervention. The Department of Public Health has also documented several proceedings filed against designated providers in Medical Spas for inappropriate or illegal actions.

I support the current language of **Senate Bill 418**, however I believe the following should be added in concrete language to the bill:

I have been in extensive communication with colleagues, and we agree that a physician, PA-C or APRN is capable of running a stand-alone medical spa with a MD supervising the PA-C or APRN on an intermittent or PRN basis. Furthermore, I believe that an RN could provide services at a spa, but only with full time physician supervision. It is a fair compromise to have a full time credentialed physician working with the RN, so the RN may function as an extension of the MD and not an independent provider of services.

I urge you, as the members of the Public Health Committee, to do everything in your power to pass **Senate Bill 418** so we can have higher standards of medical practice in the state of Connecticut, and ensure greater protections for Connecticut's residents seeking medical treatment.

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