

Lynn Rapsilber SB 418

Connecticut Coalition of Advanced Practice Nurses

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Connecticut Chapter of the American Psychiatric Nurses Association (APNA-CT)

National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners (NAPNAP), Connecticut Chapter

The Northwest Nurse Practitioner Group

Senator Gerratana, Representative Johnson and Members of the Public Health Committee:

My name is Lynn Rapsilber and I am an APRN and Chair of the Connecticut Coalition of Advanced Practice Nurses. I am testifying in strong support for **Raised Bill #418 An Act Concerning the Department of Public Health's Recommendations concerning Medical Spas.**

A bill on this topic passed last session, was an attempt to keep patrons of medical spas safe. While admiring the purpose of that bill, it infringed on the scope of practice of the APRN and was vetoed by the Governor. This resulted in a taskforce to review the language and come to consensus on language. I was happy to serve on this taskforce. Several meetings were held attended by the governor's office, Department of Public Health, MDs, APRNs, PAs and members of the medical spa industry. I want to thank all the parties involved in this process for giving a thorough review of the information presented and reaching the consensus language contained in this bill.

APRNs have independent practice without MD oversight, supervision or co-signature for 15 years. APRNs own medical spas and as small business owners contribute to the tax base in Connecticut. They employ staff providing jobs within their community.

This bill protects the public by defining for the first time cosmetic medical procedures and who can practice those procedures. It does not infringe on the APRN Practice Act. This bill will allow APRN owned medical spas to continue to provide quality, safe and cost effective care to those patrons seeking medical spa procedures. I urge your support of this bill.

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