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TESTIMONY RE: Raised Bill No. 418 AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING MEDICAL SPAS

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

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Good Morning, Senator Gerratana, Representative Johnson and esteemed members of the Public Health Committee. Thank-you for the opportunity to provide testimony on behalf of the Connecticut Nurses' Association (CNA) related to Medical Spas. I am Mary Jane Williams Ph.D., RN current chairperson of Government Relations Committee for the Connecticut Nurses Association and professor emeritus from Central Connecticut State University.

I speak in **STRONG SUPPORT OF Raised Bill No. 418 AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING MEDICAL SPAS.**

At the request of the Governor under the Direction of Anne Foley, Under Secretary of OPM a Task Force was developed and met during the Fall of 2013 to construct language related to Medical Spas. This Task Force was developed in order to address issues raised by the Governor's Veto of the 2013 legislation that mandated all Medical Directors must be Medical Doctors.

The task force membership included, representation from the Connecticut Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, the Department of Public Health, the Connecticut Dermatology and Dermatologic Surgery Society, the Connecticut Academy of Physician

Assistants, the Connecticut Medical Society, the Connecticut Coalition of Advanced practice Nurses the managing Partner of Radiance Med Spa and the Connecticut Nurses Association.

The Task Force addressed the issues raised by each invited group and crafted language that thoroughly defined Cosmetic Medical Procedures, clearly lists the individuals who would be employed for services and their responsibility in delegating appropriately with monitoring of outcomes. It also clearly identifies the necessity of performing a Complete Physical Assessment prior to any Med Spa treatment.

Ultimately this legislation calls for complete transparency in advertising. To assure all clients are aware of the Individuals employed in each Medical Spa and their qualifications. Issues related to Scope of Practice, accountability and transparency, and recurring issues of concern related to Scope of Practice that were raised during the meetings were addressed by the appropriate Task Force member. (DPH)

Ultimately this proposed legislation accomplishes the “INTENT” of the original legislation. It defines the practice and assures accountability. The goal of this legislation is to protect the Public and allow the providers in Medical Spas to continue to provide services in accordance with their Scope of Practice. This proposed legislation does not infringe on any of the providers practices, allows individual to continue to provide services in their settings, and makes them individually accountable for the services they provide.

Therefore I urge you to support Raised Bill No. 418 AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH’S RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING MEDICAL SPAS. This proposed language enhances and maintain access to dermatological procedures.

Thank you

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