

Dear Sir,

Thank you for the opportunity to offer support for this bill to provide licensure for profession genetic counselors in CT. These counselors go through a rigorous two years, post-baccalaureate training program. Their fields of expertise include molecular science, family counseling, and classical genetics. They are extremely valuable in guiding each patient through our system in order that he or she to receive a thoughtful understanding of their individual circumstance. They protect our citizens from unnecessary expense, and from misunderstanding of complex information. Most of the other states in our country have long accepted the role of these vital individuals. It is wrong that the State of Connecticut has delayed so long to create a licensure for this valuable group of care givers. I thank you for the attention that you are giving to the correction of this problem.

Sincerely,

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