



March 13, 2014

Re: Support for R.B. 5536, AN ACT CONCERNING CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR PSYCHOLOGISTS

Dear Members of the Committee on Public Health:

The Connecticut Psychological Association (CPA), **supports R.B. 5536, AN ACT CONCERNING CONTINUING EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS FOR PSYCHOLOGISTS.**

Nationally, 44 states require CE credits for psychologists. Within Connecticut, psychologists are the only mental health discipline which does not require CE credits.

The American Psychological Association defines Continuing Education as follows:

Continuing Education in psychology is an ongoing process consisting of formal learning activities that are (1) relevant to psychological practice, education and science, (2) enable psychologists to keep pace with emerging issues and technologies, and (3) allow psychologists to maintain, develop and increase competencies in order to improve services to the public and enhance contributions to the profession.

Continuing education requirements recognize the psychologist's responsibility to continue learning and developing professionally, and to stay current on research and treatment trends in the field. CPA also recognizes and supports this responsibility, and welcomes continuing education requirements for psychologists in Connecticut.

We encourage your support for R.B. 5536.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Director of Professional Affairs

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