

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

February 28, 2014

RAISED BILL No. 6391 AAC THE PRACTICE OF ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES.

Testimony of Kate Steven, speaking for the CT Chapter of the National Association of Pediatric Nurses and Practitioners IN SUPPORT OF RAISED SB 36

Senator Gerratana, Representative Johnson, and members of the Committee

This bill being requested by the Governor is supported by the CT Chapter of the National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners (NAPNAP.) It is supported because of the need for improving access and choice in our health care system. It has been found that care for many patients have been lost or limited by the current Practice Act. The proposed language change will allow greater ability to increase provider services for those in desperate need especially in the mental health realm and the care of the elderly. Pediatric Nurse Practitioners (PNP) currently have strong collaborative relationships with all health care services including medical providers. It is how we practice. The removal of the written agreement will NOT change the way we currently practice. We have had excellent relationships with pediatricians who work with us in caring for our population.

We are practicing under our LICENSE, certification and education as PNPs. Part of our education includes working in a team approach in order to provide more holistic care. We believe that this legislative change will improve health care because it will promote more of a team approach in managing health care for our patients and families as well as those in the adult population.

The Public Health hearings that I participated in demonstrated through many studies and reviews, that independent practicing APRNs are safe and effective in delivering health care. Concerns by the physicians were addressed, however, no study could be produced validating their concerns.