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HB 5521

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

As a psychologist in training in Connecticut, I am writing to express strong opposition to HB 5521 for the following reasons:

- 1) The term "psychologist" reflects doctoral level providers (both in Connecticut and on a national level);
- 2) Allowing licensure of master's level psychologists would create public confusion regarding provider education and training;
- 3) Master's level clinicians are currently able to become licensed in Connecticut as "Licensed Professional Counselors" (LPCs).
- 4) School psychologists are master's level, but they only operate in the school systems and are under the authority of the Department of Education.

For all of these reasons, I am urging you to oppose HB 5521.
Thank you for your time and consideration.

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