

HB 5521

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

As a licensed Psychologist in Connecticut, I am writing in STRONG OPPOSITION to HB5521, for the following reasons:

- 1- The term "psychologist" reflects doctoral level providers (both in CT 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" (LPC's); and,
- 4- This bill does not impact school psychologists, as they are under the authority of the Department of Education.

For each of these reasons, I am urging you to oppose HB 5521.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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