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**Raised Bill No. 593. AN ACT CONCERNING SEVERE MENTAL AND EMOTIONAL  
IMPAIRMENT AND WORKERS' COMPENSATION COVERAGE**

Dear Co-Chairs Winfield and Tercyak, and Members of the Labor and Public  
Employees Committee:

My name is Traci Cipriano, and I am writing as Director of Professional Affairs for the Connecticut Psychological Association (CPA), **in support of Raised Bill No. 593**. Specifically, this bill expands workers' compensation coverage to employees who have been evaluated and diagnosed by a licensed psychologist or psychiatrist, related to the witnessing of a horrific event or its aftermath, when such event includes the intentional death or maiming of one or more persons by another, "and was causally connected with the employee's employment."

Licensed psychologists are extensively trained in diagnostic evaluation and assessment, including the use of empirically validated assessment instruments.

It is difficult to predict what unexpected work-related events might lead to disability, but it is important that employees in Connecticut have access to treatment, including a means for addressing disability issues which may arise from unforeseen catastrophic on-the-job events.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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