Below is testimony regarding HB 5521:

HB 5521: AN ACT REQUIRING LICENSURE OF MASTER'S LEVEL PSYCHOLOGISTS
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 HB 5521, for the following 4 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; and,
3) Master's level clinicians are currently able to become licensed in Connecticut as "Licensed Professional Counselors" (LPC's)
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 each of these reasons, I am urging you to oppose HB 5521.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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