

**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 3 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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