

**Dear Senator Gerratana, Representative Ritter and Members of the Public Health Committee:
Attached is my testimony on HB 5521.**

As a Licensed Psychologist in Connecticut, and faculty member of Yale University School of Medicine I am writing to strongly oppose 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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