

HB5521

I am a licensed, clinical psychologist with over 25 years of experience and practice in our state. I oppose house bill 5521, as it misrepresents the level of training and certification that is required for provision of psychological services. I attended a doctoral program in psychology for 8 years, produced a three hundred page, empirical dissertation, completed two years of pre-doctoral clinical training and a year of internship.

Our mental health consumers in the State of Connecticut depend on the legislators to help them judge the level of training and expertise of their mental health providers. This bill goes against that important role of the legislator and misinforms citizens about important health care information. This is equivalent to categorizing paralegals as lawyers, and I bet the State legislators would be offended by that effort.

Thank you for your consideration.

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