

HB 5521

Dear Senator Gerratana, Representative Ritter and Members of the Public Health Committee:

As someone who is currently pursuing my license as a clinical 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, training, and services offered. This could become very problematic for patients as well as those of us in the field.
- 3) Master's level clinicians are currently able to become licensed in Connecticut as "Licensed Professional Counselors" (LPC's).
- 4) This bill does not impact school psychologists, as they 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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