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To Whom It May Concern,

Attached is my testimony in opposition of HB 5521.

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

As a Doctoral Student in Clinical Psychology in Connecticut, I am writing in strong opposition to HB 5521, for the following 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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