

HB 5521

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 reasons:

1. The term "psychologist" reflects doctoral level providers ONLY (both in Connecticut and on a national level).
2. Allowing licensing of master's level psychologists would create public confusion regarding provider education and training.
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 school systems and are under the authority of the Department of Education. They do NOT have the training necessary to work as a doctoral level, independent psychologist. This would further contribute to confusion of roles and responsibilities within the behavioral health sector.

For each of these reasons, I am urging you to oppose HB 5521.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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