

I would like to submit the following testimony to the Public Health Committee that is currently considering 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" is reserved for professionals with doctoral-level training in Connecticut and on the national level. Part of that training is a year-long, full-time clinical internship that is not part of master's level training.
- 2) Master's level clinicians are currently licensed in Connecticut as "Licensed Professional Counselors" (LPC's).
- 3) School Psychologists are master's level, but they are employed by school systems and their services are consequently subject to review within 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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