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To Whom It May Concern:

My testimony on HB 5521 is below:

**HB 5521: AN ACT REQUIRING LICENSURE OF MASTER'S LEVEL
PSYCHOLOGISTS**

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 3 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,

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