

HB 5521

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

I am writing to inform you about the importance of keeping psychologists licensed *only* at the doctoral level.

As a Licensed Psychologist 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).

Note- 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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