BEACON
behavioral services, LLC

T. Scott Sewitch, Ph.D.
Clinical Psychologist

February 18, 2015

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 4 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. This bill does not impact school psychologists, as they 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.

Sincerely,

T. Scott Sewitch, Ph.D.

T. Scott Sewitch, Ph.D.
Clinical Psychologist

40 Dale Road
Avon, CT 06001
P 860 676-9350
F 860 678-7178

34 Jerome Avenue
Bloomfield, CT 06002
P 860 243-5024
F 860 286-9948

200 Oak Street
Glastonbury, CT 06033
P 860 659-4370
F 860 678-7178

www.beaconbehavioral.com
email@beaconbehavioral.com