

HB 5625

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TO: Public Health Committee Members
FROM: E. Carol Polifroni

I write to request that you vote "NAY" on HB5625. This bill, "AN ACT TO DEFINE SURGERY" would significantly limit access to health care in Connecticut. Further, since the procedures included in this bill have been part of the scope of practice of nursing, and advanced practice nursing for many decades, passage of this bill would have devastating consequences to the patients for whom we provide care and to the profession. The 2010 Institute of Medicine report calls for all health professionals to practice to the greatest extent of their education. This proposed bill flies in the face of that; it is an unacceptable attempt to limit practice and will be a detriment to health care costs and limit care delivery.

Sincerely,

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