

Dear Chairman of Public Health Committee Rep Matthew Ritter and Chairman Senator Terry Gerratana and members of the Public Health Committee:

Please change the wording of the definition of surgery to exclude electrologists from HB- 5625.

I have been a practicing, licensed electrologist for ~5 years, and am a small business owner. In my years in business, I have been able to help MANY women that suffer from hirsutism (excessive amount of hair growth) on mostly the face, which is considered to be the most delicate area of the body to treat. I have never harmed anyone's skin. Most liability coverage policies for electrologists do not exceed \$400-600 per year. I believe that the inexpensive liability insurance we carry speaks volumes on how minimally invasive or damaging this profession is. By not allowing electrologists to perform electrolysis, you will in fact eliminate a service that thousands of women need - because the alternative (laser) cannot treat everyone.

Electrolysis has been around for 140yrs - the fact that it's been around for over a century and proves to be the only permanent hair removal method around, with no permanent side effects or long term skin damage, is a testament to how great electrologists are in this profession. To not exclude electrologists from this bill will essentially eliminate our profession and the spectacular service that we provide. The state of Connecticut would be the ONLY state that doesn't allow electrologists from performing electrolysis - it makes no sense.

Please help and change the working on this bill, electrolysis and surgery are simply not the same.

Thank you for your time.

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