

TESTIMONY IN OPPOSITION TO PROPOSED BILL No.5625
AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEFINITION OF SURGERY

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Senator Gerratana, Representative Ritter, Representative Srinivasin, Senator Markley and members of the Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important bill.

My name is LouAnn Perugini. I am a triple board certified Nurse Practitioner in Trauma-Critical Care, Family Practice and Dermatology. I am also a Certified Aesthetic Nurse Practitioner and the owner of DermAesthetics Med Spa in Southbury. Additionally I work part time for a Dermatology and Plastic Surgery multi-specialty practice in Milford as a Dermatology and Aesthetic Nurse Practitioner. For my third job, I am the regional trainer to physicians in the use of a medical device called a micro-cannula used to perform aesthetic injections with dermal fillers. I am also an Army veteran with more than 10 years' experience as the primarily sole provider for over 1000 Special Operations soldiers. I am testifying in opposition to proposed bill No. 5625 because I perform many of the procedures listed in the proposed bill and I am concerned about the potential impact on my scope of practice, services I provide currently for CT citizens and for future services I plan to implement specifically for military veterans and Wounded Warriors in our state.

The bill is unclear as to its purpose especially when it includes acceptable procedures currently allowed to be performed by many professionals who are properly educated, certified, and licensed in CT. On its face the bill seems to attempt to invalidate existing licensure and aims to control beyond the present regulatory climate and to redefine the rules for those experts presently overseeing health care professionals. Writing a definition needs to be done with knowledge of existing practices and acknowledged and regulated scopes of practice. I don't believe these considerations are part of this bill with its very broad outline for a very prominent specialty. Because in its current form, this bill does not acknowledge or protect current licensed practitioners practicing within their scopes of practice, it therefore raises serious practice issues.

Respectfully,

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