

**In support of Proposed Bill 5915:
An Act Concerning The Practice of Homeopathy**

My name is Diana Gubbay; I live in Connecticut and I am a nationally certified classical homeopath. I am in strong support of this bill which would allow homeopaths who are Certified by the Council for Homeopathic Certification to practice in our state.

I have practiced homeopathy in Manhattan for many years, commuting a minimum of two hours each way, out of my home and community, to use my skills as a homeopath. I am fortunate to have built a thriving practice that supported me and my two children who are now grown. While I was paying college tuitions, I incurred the considerable expense of renting an apartment in New York City so I could work additional hours needed to increase my income. I spent four days out of every week away from home.

Over nineteen years of practice with people in all ages and stages of life, I have seen many people receive help with homeopathy. In numerous instances, costly procedures and medications have been avoided. I receive regular referrals in New York from health care professionals of all kinds: medical doctors, psychotherapists, chiropractors and others who have confidence that homeopathy can help their patients.

The following personal experience is what inspired me to become a homeopath: Twenty-four years ago, when my son was 3 years old, he was diagnosed with Vesicoureteral Reflux. His symptom was a constant urging to urinate that interfered with his ability to play or sit for any length of time. Although there was no infection present, there was a possibility that the kidneys could suffer if a bacterial infection occurred. The medical recommendation was to put him on daily antibiotics for one year, and then to reevaluate.

Concerned for the long term effects of prolonged antibiotics for my young child, I consulted a homeopath to see if there was an alternative route. My son's case was taken in great detail and a homeopathic remedy was prescribed. He took one dose only, one time only, of the prescribed remedy, and his symptoms disappeared within a week. He was able to urinate normally. There was no need to give him antibiotics at all. There

were no side effects, and no recurrence of the condition. He grew and thrived through all the normal stages of childhood development after that.

I spent several years studying homeopathy before attaining the required hours of study and supervised practice to enable me to sit for the certification exam. After certification, professionals with CCH credentials must complete annual Continuing Education Credits, and so my education continues to the present date, following the model of many professional organizations.

I strongly urge you support this bill. Many people in our state will benefit. Allowing qualified homeopaths to practice here will bring a valuable, low cost health alternative to people in the state of Connecticut. I would love to be able to hang a shingle proudly in my home state.

Thank you,
Sincerely,
Diana Gubbay, CCH