

**To Whom it May Concern,**

**As a former Clinical Instructor at the University of Connecticut Medical School and the founder of The Institute of Healing Arts and Sciences, a 4 yr. program in Integrative health care approved by the Commission of the Connecticut Department of Higher Education, I urge you to help us take health care in CT to the next level.**

**Homeopathy has been a powerful, effective, and natural means of health care for myself for over 20 years. It has had an outstanding on my health at times when nothing else would work. Consequently, it went from being my last ditch option to a first choice when I am ill. Homeopathy is a safe, affordable and gentle modality of health care so its healing usage does not come with a high physical price. It is powerful without side effects.**

**What I know firsthand is that more and more of those in my circle, including my adult children, are using this for themselves and their children.**

**My daughter who is a nurse practitioner who uses this for her children has seen as well an increasing demand for more natural healthcare.**

**The difficulty in CT is that because there is limited access to well trained and available practitioners, over the counter remedies, shopping online, or going out of state becomes the norm for accessing readily available health care.**

**Working individuals do not have the luxury of time to spend in travel and therefore miss out on a more personalized treatment plan and follow-up with their own practitioner.**

**Retirees may not have the flexibility to travel or the finances. Truly help needs to be provided for those who are highly, and inexpensively impacted by a method of medicine that could become far more readily available when well-trained practitioners are close by. The lack of side-effects, the powerful and speedy recovery and the feeling of over-all health is much needed for so many who are in need.**

**By allowing nationally board certified classical homeopaths (CCHs) to be able to offer their services in CT keeps the quality of care high and provides a safe and well trained group to be in practice rather than those who are taking on line courses with no supervision. The CCH, as the governing body, is the highest level of achievement for a professional homeopathy and the credential is recognized worldwide. Being able to work with a trained, board certified homeopath would benefit everyone and bring confidence locally to a field that is well researched and a gift to so many.**

**I have personally been involved in the process of having my licenses confirmed in Connecticut as both a LMFT and as a LPC. The process was unnecessarily long and as a former adjunct graduate teacher at St. Joseph's University for years I became fully aware of how important it is to have non-MD's who are highly trained and skilled in health care available for those who had limited funds and yet great need.**

**Knowing the quality of education and standards met by certified classical homeopaths, having a choice in health care practitioners and knowing that my MD's also support my choice to work holistically allows me to have the full spectrum of care as needed.**

**I ask you to please allow that opportunity to so many others who can thrive with effective health care.**

**Sincerely,**

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