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**TESTIMONY RE: RAISED BILL NO.5915 AN ACT CONCERNING THE PRACTICE OF  
CLASSICAL HOMEOPATHY**

**Public Health Committee Hearing  
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Good Day, Senator Gerrantana, Representative Ritter and members of Public Health Committee.

Thank-you for the opportunity to provide testimony on behalf of the Connecticut Nurses' Association (CNA), the professional organization for registered nurses in Connecticut. I am Dr. Mary Jane Williams, past-president of the Connecticut Nurses' Association current chair of the Government Relations Committee and Professor Emeritus from CCSU.

I am providing testimony related to: **RAISED BILL NO. 5915 AN ACT CONCERNING THE PRACTICE OF CLASSICAL HOMEOPATHY.** The request made via this proposes legislation are asking for the expansion of scope of practice for Homeopaths to include prescribing, dispensing and administering certain drugs and corresponding educational and examination requirements to allow the expansion of the Homeopaths scope of practice.

The Department of Public Health conducted a Scope of Practice Review in 2013. The summary state's "that currently there are no statutory definition of homeopathy that current classical homeopathy is not recognized under law due to the lack of clarity related to education and credentials and there is an undefined overlap between Licensed Homeopathic Physicians and Classical Homeopaths." In reviewing the scope report it is apparent that the major difference is level of education and the lack of a

licensing category that accurately reflects the level of education and the possible issues that may arise in the public sector without creating a second licensure procedure. It is also curious that a Homeopathic as defined “ means the science, art and practice of healing, by natural methods as recognized by the Council on Homeopathic Medical Education and that comprises diagnosis, prevention and treatment of disease and health optimization by stimulation and support of the bodies natural healing processes.

If Classical Homeopathic is based on Natural Healing why is the request for “Prescriptive Authority” and how will the Public select a provider is differentiation is blurred and ambiguous.

Therefore, we urge the committee to recommend new licensure for the Classical Homoeopath to clearly distinguish between a certified Homeopaths and a Licensed Physicians with a specialty in Homeopathy.

Thank You

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