

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE

FEBRUARY 16, 2016 PUBLIC HEARING

Maryanne Strindberg

IN SUPPORT OF RAISED BILL No. 67

AN ACT CONCERNING THE AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF ADVANCED
PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSES

Senator Gerratana, Representative Ritter and members of the Committee,

Thank you for raising this bill, addressing patient care concerns.

I am Maryanne Strindberg, APRN, and I am dual certified in geriatrics and psychiatry, working with nursing home and rehab patients in communities in the Hartford area. I support Bill No. 67 because I believe it will improve patient care for my patients.

I have been practicing for 15 years and have seen the difficulty many folks encounter when seeking disability certification. These forms now require a psychiatrist / physician signature and the process can be held up for months before these signatures are obtained. Many providers will not sign these forms because they do not know the patient and their history. These are hard working folks, who have had serious illnesses and injuries that now prevent them from working. They are traumatized again by the paperwork process and financial burden.

Giving Advanced practice Registered Nurses the ability to sign these forms will increase patient access to care and reduce costs.

Thank you.