

My name is Brian Biddle and I am a concerned citizen from Stonington.

I am writing you to ask for your support of **Raised Senate Bill 354**, a bill that will create a music therapy license in Connecticut . This bill is important because it will allow Connecticut citizens to more easily access music therapy services, and it will protect the public by ensuring that these services are provided by trained and qualified practitioners.

Please note that my support of licensure for music therapy is dependent on some language changes which have been submitted as written testimony by Jennifer Sokira on behalf of the CT Task Force. These changes ensure that the license is reflective of current board certification requirements in music therapy and is not limiting to the practices of Board Certified Music Therapists currently in CT.

As the spouse of a Board Certified Music Therapist, I can attest to the rigorous educational and professional development requirements of the profession, which are similar in scope to other therapeutic professions already licensed by the state of Connecticut, as well as the limitations placed on the profession by the lack of an authoritative licensing structure for music therapists within this state.

For these reasons, I ask that you please vote "yes" on **Raised Senate Bill 354!**

Sincerely,

Brian Biddle