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Subj: In support of RSB 354

Dear Members of the Public Health Committee,

My name is Jacqueline Smaga and I am a concerned citizen from Branford, CT.

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.

This bill is important to me because we support two innovative breakthrough music therapy programs in New Haven, one is at an alternative school, the other in a domestic violence shelter. Both programs are already having a profound impact on helping students and children and families to heal from trauma, and abuse.

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

Sincerely,

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