

Members of the Public Health Committee,

My name is Sandhya Kale and I am a concerned citizen from Westport, 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.

My daughter has been receiving Music Therapy for the past 4 years. MT has helped my daughter in tremendous ways, not only cognitively but also socially and emotionally. Given the benefits we have continued to pursue MT despite the financial burden it places on our family.

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

Sincerely,

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