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Members of the Public Health Committee,

My name is Suzanne Gates and I am a concerned citizen from West Hartford, 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.

I know first hand how important the field of music therapy is as I have witnessed its benefits in the geriatric and handicap population. The power of music to reach those suffering from cognitive disability is remarkable and I have seen it used as a tool for recovery. With an increasing population in need, it is important that the state support those who are trained in this field to do the best they can for the people of Connecticut.

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

Sincerely,

Suzanne Gates

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