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Dear Public Health Committee Chairs and Members,

The Connecticut Society of Medical Assistants is partnering again with the 2016 Connecticut Legislation to help pass SB 5129. This bill would allow Certified Medical Assistants (CMAs) and Registered Medical Assistants (RMAs) to administer vaccines.

As the President of Quinebaug Valley Community College – which has offered an associate's degree in Medical Assisting for more than 20 years – I support SB 5129 because I believe Certified Medical Assistants are caring Allied Health Professionals, educated and trained to work in the outpatient setting under the direct supervision of physicians. Certified Medical Assistants are the most versatile members of the healthcare team, skilled at multi-tasking and the backbone of many physicians' offices. In fact, a Certified Medical Assistant often is the first and last person a patient encounters in the office.

Connecticut is one of only two states in the nation where Certified Medical Assistants are not permitted to administer medications and practice to the full scope of their educational and professional training. Passing this bill will enable Certified Medical Assistants to administer vaccines and allow the Licensed Health Care Providers not only the chance to serve more patients but also to focus on assessment and clinical care. In addition, adopting this bill will enhance the medical assisting profession by increasing opportunities for more jobs.

I ask you to please support SB 5129.

Sincerely,

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