



Public Health Committee

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**Testimony: RAISED BILL 300 AN ACT CONCERNING COLLABORATIVE ARRANGEMENTS  
BETWEEN PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS AND PHYSICIANS**

Good Morning: Representative Steinberg, Senator Gerratana, Senator Somers, Representative Srinivasan, and esteemed members of the Public Health Committee.

I want to thank-you for the opportunity to provide testimony on: **RAISED BILL 300 AN ACT CONCERNING COLLABORATIVE ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS AND PHYSICIANS** on behalf of the Connecticut Nurses' Association (CNA). I am Mary Jane Williams Ph.D., RN current chairperson of Government Relations Committee for the Connecticut Nurses Association.

I speak in against moving forward with **RAISED BILL 300 AN ACT CONCERNING COLLABORATIVE ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS AND PHYSICIANS.**

It is essential that the process specifically established to examine the research evidence to expand Scope of Practice be addressed through a formal Scope of Practice Review, conducted by the Department of Public Health. The Scope of Practice Review was legislated by the Public Health Committee to explicitly bring forward an objective review of the profession requesting the expansion of Scope in order to make a decision for or against expansion based on "Evidenced Based Research", that supports the request and assures safe, competent practice.

Therefore, I ask you as a committee representing the public we serve, in order to assure public safety that this specific request be recommended for a “Full Scope of Practice Review” in 2019. I am fully aware that a Scope request was submitted in 2017. I strongly recommend that the application be considered for review next year and that all involved, allow the process to support and/or refute the request dependent on literature and the evidence based research. Our goal is to protect the public, the process of Scope Review will allow all involved to make an educated decision related to this specific request.

**Therefore, I speak in strong opposition to RAISED BILL 300 AN ACT CONCERNING COLLABORATIVE ARRANGEMENTS BETWEEN PHYSICIAN ASSISTANTS AND PHYSICIANS.**

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