

**Connecticut Coalition of Advanced Practice Nurses**

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Connecticut Chapter of the American Psychiatric Nurses Association (APNA-CT)  
National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners (NAPNAP), Connecticut Chapter  
New England Chapter of the Gerontological Advanced Practice Nurses Association (NEGAPNA)  
The Northwest Nurse Practitioner Group

Public Health Committee Hearing

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Senator Gerratana, Senator Somers, Representative Steinberg and esteemed members of the Public Health Committee.

My name is Dr. Lynn Rapsilber DNP ANP-BC APRN FAANP and I am a Nurse Practitioner. I am the Chair of the Coalition of Advanced Practice Nurses. The Coalition is submitting testimony regarding **HB 5159: An Act Concerning the Recommendations of the Department of Developmental Services Regarding Oversight of Emergency Medical Care and End of Life Planning.**

There is confusion as to the wording in the last line of this bill:

**If the order to withhold cardiopulmonary resuscitation is written by an advanced practice registered nurse, the second opinion shall be obtained from a physician.**

It is in the practice authority for APRNS to order DNR and participate in MOLST. This last line seems to not reflect the practice authority of an APRN and could potentially increase costs if a second opinion with a physician to withhold CPR is required.

If this language remains in the bill, we request to add APRN as a second opinion as well when an order for withholding CPR is written.

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