

Connecticut Coalition of Advanced Practice Nurses

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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 5293: An Act Concerning the Sale of Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems and Vapor Products.**

We are in full support of this bill. This bill will tighten the requirements to purchase electronic delivery nicotine systems and vapor products. Pared with SB 164, which raises the age to purchase tobacco products to age 21, this bill will keep these products out of the hands of children and young adults. Any opportunity to strengthen legislation to reduce harm and protect the health of the residents of CT is fully supported by the APRN community.

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