

**Connecticut Coalition of Advanced Practice Nurses**

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Connecticut Advanced Practice Registered Nurses Society (CTAPRNS)

Connecticut Association of Nurse Anesthetists (CANA)

Connecticut Nurses' Association (CNA)

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

March 20, 2018

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 **SB 164: An Act Raising the Legal Age to Purchase Tobacco to Twenty-One.**

We are in full support of this bill. We want to prevent youth from access to tobacco products. This bill thwarts these products from landing in the hands of our youth. APRNS want to keep our youth healthy and safe. 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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