

**Connecticut Coalition of Advanced Practice Nurses**

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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 403: An Act Concerning Respiratory Care Practitioners.

There is a process established whereby a scope of practice request, such as this, is examined for evidence to support the request, rigorous evaluation of nature of the request and a multidisciplinary approach to determine if it is meritorious to move forward, While the request for a scope of practice review was submitted by the respiratory care practitioners this year, it was not taken up by the DPH. The Coalition believes this is the best mechanism to review this request. The APRN community would welcome a seat at the table for a full Scope of Practice Review. At this time, we cannot support this bill moving forward.

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