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To: CT Higher Education Committee  
Regarding: HB No. 5014 A Tax Credit For Providers of Nursing Clinical Experiences

Dear Legislators,

I am in full support of HB No 5014, providing a tax credit for providers of Nursing Clinical Experiences. I am faculty in the Primary Care Division at Yale University School of Nursing in the Family Nurse Practitioner Program. Our program produces Advanced Practice nurses to meet the health needs of individuals and family in our community. A major factor that limits the ability to educate new nurse practitioners is the availability of clinical sites that can provide training to our students.

Providing support in this way to our dedicated preceptors who offer their time without remuneration is extremely important in both filling health needs of children, adults and families in the community and making education accessible to students without added fees to pay for obtaining their clinical experiences. Of late, some schools in the state have been paying providers for their work with students in community-based agencies, which has led to preceptors rejecting nurse practitioner students who are not able to afford these added fees. In addition, much of medical training is remunerated either through employer provisions or governmental subsidies provided for training which are not available for nursing student training.

As a resident of West Hartford, CT, I strongly support this bill and urge you to pass this – it will make a major difference in being able to find willing preceptors for our Nurse Practitioner students.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

Vera Pauline