



Sacred Heart UNIVERSITY

COLLEGE OF NURSING

On behalf of the faculty and administration of the Davis & Henley College of Nursing (DHCON) at Sacred Heart University (SHU), I am here to testify in support of **HB 5014, An Act Establishing a Tax Credit for Providers of Clinical Nursing Experiences.**

The need to prepare nurses for the CT healthcare work force is well documented by the Connecticut League of Nursing. This is an important bill that will encourage nurses to share their knowledge and expertise to prepare nurses to meet the projected work force needs in CT especially the need for advanced practice nurses to provide primary care to address the issues of access, affordability, and population health.

The admission of the number of qualified students to graduate programs for advance practice nurses is limited by the availability of preceptors in clinical practice to oversee, guide, and teach student nurses who are needed to fill the projected work force gaps in all practice areas and settings in the state. For example, the Family Nurse Practitioner graduate programs at DHCON are unable to admitted at least 20-25 additional students each academic year due to limited clinical preceptors to oversee the student clinical experiences necessary to complete the program and be eligible the for the advanced practice licensure exam for family nurse practitioners. A tax credit for preceptors is a reward that would encourage nurses to serve in this role and build a cadre of experts who will raise the quality of the clinical teaching, student learning outcomes, and ultimately patient care.

I respectfully request your support for HB 5014.

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