

**Yale University School of Nursing  
Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner Program**

To: CT Higher Education Committee

Regarding: HB No. 5014 A Tax Credit For Providers of Nursing Clinical Experiences.

February 13, 2020

Dear Legislators,

I am in full support of HB No 5014, providing a tax credit for providers of Nursing Clinical Experiences. I am the Program Director for the Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner program at Yale University School of Nursing. Our program produces approximately 20 Advanced Practice Psychiatric nurses annually to meet the mental health needs of individuals 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 mental health needs 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.

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,

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