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

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Dear Legislators,

I am in full support of HB No 5014, providing a tax credit for providers of Nursing Clinical Experiences. I am a faculty member of the Family Nurse Practitioner program. In particular, I lead one of the clinical conference courses that is linked to the clinical experiences of our students. As a preceptor, I know how rewarding it is to be a preceptor and contribute to the development of our students. Yet it is also challenging to balance the needs of the student and the time required to teach and yet see patients in a timely, efficient fashion. Our program produces approximately 20 Advanced Practice Family Nurse Practitioners annually to meet the primary care 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 addressing primary care 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 significant difference in our ability to find willing preceptors who will help us to train our future primary care providers.

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Julie Womack', written in a cursive style.

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