

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

February 14, 2020

Dear Legislators,

I am in full support of HB No 5014, providing a tax credit for providers of Nursing Clinical Experiences. I am a full time lecturer in the Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner program at Yale University School of Nursing and one of my responsibilities is overseeing clinical experiences for students. I meet with preceptors (aka providers of nursing clinical experiences) as well as the students they teach on a regular basis. What these preceptors do is another example of their dedication to patient care. They want to be a part of training future Psychiatric and Mental Health Nurse practitioners to provide safe, efficacious and humane mental health services to the growing number of people of all ages who are experiencing challenges to their mental and physical health. Despite growing numbers of excellent candidates for student positions in our program and the desperate need for capable practitioners, our biggest challenge is finding preceptors whose facilities support the work of educating the next generation, and the need for financial incentives that allow us to be competitive with other programs who are able to offer remuneration.

I strongly support this bill and urge you to pass this – it is a creative and economical way to help retain quality preceptors and educate the next generation of providers, and it serves the mental health needs of your constituency.

Thank you for your consideration,

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