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RE: Telehealth

*H.B. No. 5596 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING TELEHEALTH.

*S.B. No. 1022 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING TELEHEALTH

To: The Connecticut Public Health Committee:

I am a licensed clinical psychologist with a private practice in Guilford Connecticut. I am writing in support of the bills that support ongoing telehealth delivery, as well as reimbursement parity for telehealth services.

Telehealth has enabled me to reach out to, and provide, much needed psychological services to a portion of the population that cannot get to my office for in-person services. Specifically, this population includes elderly people (who are suffering from depression at alarming rates) and people who are physically disabled. With telehealth, I have been able to intervene and prevent potential psychiatric hospitalizations. And, with comparable reimbursement, I am able to logistically provide these services.

I believe that telehealth not only saves lives, but also makes psychological healthcare more efficient.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Karen Rosenthal Ph.D.', with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the signature.

Karen Rosenthal, Ph.D.

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