

Dear CT State Senators and CT State Representatives of the Public Health Committee,

Thank you for your time.

Please strongly consider re-including the Tattoo Technician Language in:  
House Bill 6666- An Act Concerning The Department Of Public Health's Recommendations Regarding  
Various Revisions To The Public Health Statutes before being voted out of the committee.

As a professional tattooer of 15 years, I personally hate the idea of our state yielding hundreds of new artists in the industry who wouldn't be properly trained by someone ONE ON ONE, as it has been (for like a hundred years) by someone who has been professionally opening peoples skin and implanting PERMANENT art on them for a minimum of 5 years of experience. The need to regulate how many apprentices a single artist can train at once is imperative. Haphazard tattooers are already a problem, please don't exacerbate it by allowing scads of them to obtain a license in an expedited fashion.

Our industry had been an unregulated one for many years, and we the professionals of this industry in this state need to have a voice in the making of laws that affect our clients, our employees and our comrades. We should be able to write a curriculum for apprentices soon to be licensed, and maybe even implement a test to pass in order to receive a license. Much like hairdressers have to do. We should be in communication with the health department to help keep our community safe.

Please if you have any questions on this reach out to us! We're here to help keep our community safe AND preserve the integrity of our trade.