

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

Thank you for your time.

After years of tattooing, I hoped that wherever I plan to work I'd have the confidence that others were trained in proper procedures regarding cross-contamination among others. Products, procedures, and image has improved but the popularity has gotten to the point where people unsafely learn to tattoo on their own or less experienced "supervising tattoo technicians" would sell them multiple apprenticeships . The result is various artists creating profit while discarding community safety.

I briefly worked in a studio owned by an artist of less than 3 years experience. His apprentices were never supervised, as I would find one of them tattooing a project outside their skill set and cross contaminating. This same apprentice was approved of licensure rather quickly, then several months later was signing off for others. No apprenticeship nor precautions for health, but licenses for a fee.

Connecticut Association of Professional Tattooers has been formed so that our industry has a voice here in Connecticut. I ask that we have a say in basic safety and practice guidelines, as well as studio inspections. To insure proper training, requirements are needed on

supervising tattoo technicians' experience ( 5 years) and the number of students (2) they will have.

If individual licenses is, in fact...for public safety..., the revisions are necessary.

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.

Again thank you for your time,

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