



**HB 5488 AN ACT CONCERNING VARIOUS REVISIONS TO THE PUBLIC
HEALTH STATUTES**
PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE
Monday, March 18, 2024

Dear Senator Anwar, Representative McCarthy Vahey, Senator Kushner, Senator Marx, Representative Parker, Senator Somers, and Representative Klarides-Ditria, and members of the Public Health Committee.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in *support of HB 5488*.

We appreciate the continued focus on access to opioid education and naloxone, as well as the assessment and addressing of lead exposure in dwellings (Sec. 26), as lead poisoning has lifelong impacts and is preventable.

We support **Section 16** which gives DPH the authority to audit hospitals' staffing assignments. It is important to the implementation of the hospital staffing legislation passed last year, that there be accountability by CT DPH.

We also request that you **consider editing Sec. 19** which addresses providing an independent license to APRNs that come from another state. Please consider stating that an APRN that has been in independent practice in another state for three years/2000 hours may get an independent license in CT. Right now, they cannot, because they have never had a collaborating physician because their state allows APRNs to work to the full extent of their education and training, and this is many states. CT is creating obstacles and barriers for APRNs with experience to come into the state and provide needed health care services.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kimberly Sandor".

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