



**TESTIMONY OF
CONNECTICUT HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION
SUBMITTED TO THE
HIGER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT ADVANCEMENT COMMITTEE
Thursday, March 4, 2021**

**HB 5464, An Act Establishing A Tax Credit For Providers Of
Clinical Nursing Experiences**

The Connecticut Hospital Association (CHA) appreciates this opportunity to submit testimony concerning **HB 5464, An Act Establishing A Tax Credit For Providers Of Clinical Nursing Experiences**. CHA supports the bill and respectfully requests an amendment.

Before commenting on this bill, it is important to acknowledge that, since early 2020, Connecticut's hospitals and health systems have been at the center of the global public health emergency, acting as the critical partner in the state's response to COVID-19. Hospitals expanded critical care capacity, stood up countless community COVID-19 testing locations, and are a critical component of the vaccine distribution plan. Through it all, hospitals and health systems have continued to provide high-quality care for everyone, regardless of ability to pay.

The bill seeks to provide tax credits to preceptors who provide clinical nursing experience to nursing students pursuing bachelor's, master's or doctorate degrees. CHA supports efforts to support and expand clinical placements for nurses and other allied health professionals.

So that hospitals may take advantage of these tax credits, we respectfully request that the bill be amended to include chapter 208a, the Unrelated Business Income of Nonprofit Corporations Tax, to the list of chapters of the general statute already included in the bill for purposes of claiming the credit. Specifically, this amendment, adding chapter 208a, should be made to lines 19 and 32 of the bill.

We would be happy to work with the committee and the proponents on this important issue.

Thank you for your consideration of our position. For additional information, contact CHA Government Relations at (203) 294-7310.