**Subject:** Support for Senate Bill 1246 to Help Strengthen Connecticut's OT Workforce

Dear [Legislator's Name],

I hope you’re doing well! I’m reaching out to ask for your support of **Senate Bill 1246 §§ 39-40 (Lines 1880-1952)**, which would remove licensing fees for occupational therapists (OTs) and occupational therapy assistants (OTAs) in Connecticut. As a member of the **Connecticut Occupational Therapy Association (ConnOTA)**, I believe this is an important step toward making it easier for professionals like me to serve the people of our state.

Right now, the high licensing fees are a real burden, especially for new grads and young professionals trying to get started in the field. Eliminating these fees would help make the path to becoming an OT or OTA more accessible, and it would help practitioners stay in the field longer, providing quality care to those who need it.

From my own experience, I’ve faced some challenges as an [occupational therapist, occupational therapy assistant, or occupational therapy student] in Connecticut. [Here, you can add your personal experience, like struggles with licensing fees, limited leadership opportunities, or difficulties with caseloads.] These hurdles are not just tough for us as professionals—they also impact the care we can provide to our clients and students.

I truly believe that supporting this bill would be a step toward making Connecticut a more welcoming and supportive place for occupational therapy practitioners. It would enable us to provide the best care possible and help retain professionals in the state for the long term.

Thanks so much for your time and consideration! If you have any questions or would like to chat more about this, I’d love to connect.

Best,
[Your Full Name]
[Your Title]
[Your Email Address]