



STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
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Good Morning,

Senator Harris, Representative Villano, members of the Human Services Committee.

First, I would like to take this time to thank the Human Service Committee for raising this bill on behalf of the Commission on the Deaf and Hearing Impaired. I appreciate the support of the Human Service Committee.

I appreciate this opportunity to address you concerning HB 7109 An Act Concerning Certification Standards for Persons Providing Interpreter Services.

This bill changes CDHI's current statute by updating the Certification requirements for sign language interpreters in accordance with the changes made on a National level. In 2005 the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf and the National Association for the Deaf merged their certification tests for interpreters. It is now called the NAD/RID Certification. The merger has created the National Interpreter Certification. It is important that individuals who have achieved this new NIC be recognized and able to work in the State of Connecticut. The changes reflected in this Bill are technical in nature.

We would appreciate your support in passing HB 7109.

I would be happy to answer any questions.