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Good afternoon members of the Human Services Committee. My name is Barbara, Human Being, Hartford Resident, Registered voter, advocate for persons with disabilities, also advocate for human rights.

I am here today to share support of the contents of S.B. raised bills #1338, (An Act Concerning, Increasing compensation rates paid for Private Providers of Health and Human Services), as well as S.B. #1383 (An Act Concerning, fair reimbursement rates from Medicaid).

Yes, I utilized artistic license to rearrange some words.

Without proper compensation, particularly, physicians are faced with choosing to, or not too, adhere to the Hypocratic Oath, you know, the oath that starts with, "First do no harm..."?

This also forces people who have little or no income, for whatever reason, from infants to elderly, we are left with little and/or basically no choises to go for help.

Health and Human service providers, public or private, need and deserve to be properly reimbursed, and promptly.

Poverty is never an acceptable cause of death.

Thank you for listening.