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**Testimony of the Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce
to the Judiciary Committee**

March 14, 2007

Re: HB 7328, AAC the Enforcement of the Charitable Purposes of Nonprofit Hospitals

HB 7363, AA Increasing Public Oversight of Hospitals Receiving Large Amounts of Public Funds

Chairman McDonald, Chairman Lawlor, members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify today in **Opposition** to HB 7328, AAC the Enforcement of the Charitable Purposes of Nonprofit Hospitals and HB 7363, AA Increasing Public Oversight of Hospitals Receiving Large Amounts of Public Funds. My name is Louise DiCocco-Beauton and I am Director of Governmental Affairs for the Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce.

Both bills would create new and different standards for hospitals who receive more than \$50 million in Medicaid reimbursement from the State of Connecticut, namely Yale-New Haven Hospital. HB 7328 would subject Yale-New Haven to broader review by the Connecticut Attorney General than would apply to all the other hospitals in the State. HB 7363 would require significant new financial reporting requirements that likewise would only apply to Yale-New Haven Hospital.

Yale-New Haven is the largest provider of free and undereimbursed care in the State, and has been a major investor in our community. As New Haven's second largest employer, it is a significant driver of economic activity in the region, including small businesses and other suppliers.

These bills will not provide jobs or advance the economy. In fact they send an anti-business message. In addition, it isn't apparent why Yale-New Haven hospital should be subjected to broader review and greater reporting requirements than any other hospitals in the state.

The Chamber urges you to oppose both these bills. Thank you for your consideration.

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