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**TESTIMONY BEFORE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE REGARDING:  
Proposed H.B. Bill No. 6699 – An Act authorizing Bonds of the State for  
Expansion of Hospice Southeastern Connecticut  
February 26, 2007**

*My name is Nathan Beit, and I represent our 4<sup>th</sup> generation family run grocery store in Eastern Connecticut, as well as serving as a community volunteer of the Hospice Southeastern Connecticut Agency since 1999.*

*As the son of a Hospice patient from Norwich, I experienced first hand the need for quality end of life care for those who are dying, as well as the need for bereavement services for those who have experienced the loss of a loved one. Having the quality care of Hospice Southeastern Connecticut in our community has been a blessing for thousands who reside in our region of this great state.*

*I strongly support the efforts of the Agency to locate on a gift of land from Sts. Peter and Paul Church in Norwich and build a new administrative building and Community Bereavement Center and fully support Proposed Bill No. 6699 authorizing the issuance of state bond funds for the expansion.*

*This move and expansion of the agency would grant our entire community better access to continued quality end of life care which we sincerely do need, as well as to allow our Agency the ability to grow and to continue to serve our community.*

*I appreciate the opportunity to speak in favor of this bond request for Hospice Southeastern Connecticut and urge its' passage by our respected legislators.*

Respectfully yours,

Nathan Beit

Vice President Beit Bros. Supermarkets Inc.