



**Connecticut Community Providers Association**  
*a unified voice for community human service providers*

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CCPA Testimony: H.B. 7163 An Act Concerning Revisions to Department of Public Health Statutes

**Please accept this testimony in support of H.B. 7163 relating to sections 25 and 26.**

These sections reflect an agreement reached between the Department of Public Health and community providers represented by the Connecticut Community Providers Association (CCPA) and the CT Association of Nonprofits on behalf of individuals that are licensed by DPH to provide addiction treatment services. We worked collaboratively with DPH to develop proposed changes in the statutes that would maintain the high standards required by DPH while reflecting the reality of community-based service provision.

The goal of the change is ensure that appropriate licensed mental health professionals who are not licensed as Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselors (LADC) are able to sign treatment plans within the LADC professional licensing statute so that programs can operate efficiently and effectively and in the best interest of client recovery. The language in this proposed change will allow for greater access to competent care for those with substance use issues.

Thank you for your consideration of this important revision to the statutes.

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