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*Testimony by Representative Themis Klarides  
Before the Human Services Committee On House Bill 6036  
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Good morning Chairman Harris, Chairman Villano, Representative Gibbons, Senator Kissel, and members of the Human Services Committee. I am Representative Themis Klarides, representing the 114th District. I am here today to speak on HB 6036.

HB 6036 will ensure the continued viability of rest homes with nursing supervision, chronic and convalescent nursing homes and intermediate care facilities and create future cost savings. It will provide that the Commissioner of Social Services shall reimburse rest homes with nursing supervision, chronic and convalescent nursing homes and intermediate care facilities at a rate that is eighty-five per cent of mean average of the rate paid by the Department of Social Services.

Currently the nursing homes have been limited in their Medicaid reimbursement rates to a percentage over the prior year's reimbursement with exceptions for interim rates. These interim rates allow the homes to barely survive. By raising it to 85% of the mean average, the per day reimbursement will go from approximately \$122 per day to \$186 per day and would allow them to survive financially and provide the services needed.

Thank you for the hearing on HB 6036 and I wish to express my support of the bill and the committee's favorable action.

Sincerely,

Themis Klarides