



**MEMO**

**TO: Human Services Committee Members**

**FROM: Christopher Carter, President**

**DATE: March 13, 2007**

**RE: House Bill 7323 – An Act Concerning Long-Term Care**

The following shall constitute comments regarding House Bill 7323 - An Act Concerning Long-Term Care from the Connecticut Assisted Living Association (CALA).

CALA is a statewide organization that represents the owners and operators of some 110 managed residential communities offering assisted living services to Connecticut's elderly.

CALA opposes Section 2 of this bill on the basis that it is unnecessary.

CALA and its membership have worked cooperatively with the Office of the Long-Term Care Ombudsman since the passage of legislation providing oversight of Assisted Living by that office. CALA members presently make information about how to contact the Office of the Long-Term Care Ombudsman available to Assisted Living residents both by means of posting such information and by inclusion with resident handbooks.

Additionally, it should be noted by members of the Human Services Committee that language similar to that found in Section 2 of this bill is also contained in Senate Bill 116 An Act Concerning Oversight of Assisted Living Residences.

Finally, CALA also opposes Section 2 of this bill for its precedent setting fines for failure to post. Committee members should know that there are presently no federal or state statutes or regulations that impose fines on Assisted Living providers for failure to post a notice.

CALA respectfully urges this committee to reconsider the merits of Section 2 of this legislation.

CALA remains available to work with committee members as this bill evolves.

Thank you for your consideration.