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From: Kevin M. Lynch, Ct. Alliance for Retired Americans

Subject: Bill 1189

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I am the President of the Ct. Alliance for Retired Americans, an Alliance of groups with over 30,000 members statewide. Because Bill 1189 indirectly—but substantially—effects health care, it is of concern to Connecticut's seniors.

This Bill would, we hope, create truth-in-marketing. Others have already given you statistics on why this legislation is needed. We would like to suggest two alterations to the language of the Bill as submitted:

- 1.) In Section 1.(1) and all following pertinent paragraphs, substitute Attorney General for Commissioner of Public Health. There are, after all, legal penalties involved in violating this Bill. And if those penalties are to be imposed the Commissioner is directed to contact the Attorney General. So why not have the report made to the Attorney General in the first place?
- 2.) In Section 1.(b)(1), after the first sentence we suggest that the following sentence be added: Each such gift, fee, payment or subsidy shall be reported separately and individually. The intent of this addition is to make clear that the pharmaceuticals are not just to report an aggregate amount but rather are to report each individual involvement.