



**Testimony of the Connecticut Association of Not-for-profit
Providers For the Aging**

Submitted to the Committee on Public Health

Regarding

**House Bill 7157, An Act Concerning Direct Care Staff Training Requirements for
Alzheimer's Special Care Units and Programs**

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CANPFA members serve thousands of people every day through mission-driven, not-for-profit organizations dedicated to providing the services people need, when they need them, in the place they call home. Our members offer the continuum of aging services: assisted living residences, continuing care retirement communities, residential care homes, nursing homes, home and community based services, and senior housing.

The Connecticut Association of Not-for-profit Providers (CANPFA) is an organization of 130 mission-driven providers of care and services for the aging. Last year we worked closely with the Alzheimer's Association to enact legislation requiring appropriate training and disclosure requirements for special care dementia units or programs. In commenting on House Bill 7157, *An Act Concerning Direct Care Staff Training Requirements for Alzheimer's Special Care Units and Program*, we are assuming that the purpose of this proposed change is to clarify the requirements of the law to be sure that it is inclusive of all licensed direct care staff and the certified nurse assistants – which is how the department of Public Health is currently interpreting it. If it is intending to do otherwise, CANPFA would encourage the Committee to make the language much more specific so that it is interpreted correctly by providers and regulators.

Thank you for your consideration of this testimony.

Respectfully submitted,

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