



Statement of Gina Carucci, D.C.
before the
Judiciary Committee
in support of Senate Bill 483
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Sen. McDonald, Rep. Lawlor and Members of the Committee:

My name is Gina Carucci. I have been a practicing Doctor of Chiropractic for over 13 years in the Greater Hartford area. I sit before you today as a representative of the CT Chiropractic Association, of which I chairwoman of the legislative committee and First Vice President. I am offering testimony in regard to Senate Bill 483, *An Act Promoting Patient Safety and Access to Provider Information by Extending the State Physician Profile to Certain Other Health Care Providers*.

This piece of legislation will extend the physician profile that is accessible to the public on the DPH web site to other health care providers who are required by statute to carry malpractice insurance. This year, like last year, the Connecticut Chiropractic Association supports this bill because it treats all professions in a similar category, equally. It is fair and reasonable.

Since the basis for including other professions in the profile is related to malpractice insurance, let me say that the Chiropractic profession welcomes all scrutiny of our record in this regard. As you know, the best indicator of the safety of a health profession is directly related to the malpractice insurance that its members pay. The average premium for a full coverage policy for a Connecticut Chiropractor, i.e. \$1 million in coverage for a single claim and \$3 million, for all claims in the policy—is approximately \$3,000 per year. Yes, I said per year.

I would like to recommend two small amendments to the bill. The draft permits physicians to list their particular certifications and faculty appointments in the profile, but does not provide a similar opportunity for the other professions who are added. We would ask that all providers included have the opportunity to respond to both of these elements in the profile, and I am submitting language to do so.

Overall, Senate Bill 483 will provide more transparency and information to health care consumers and the public. We believe in this concept very strongly and urge you to act favorably on the bill. Thank you.