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SB 459, An Act Promoting The Early Detection, Diagnosis And Treatment Of Lung Cancer, Breast Cancer and Cervical Cancer

The Connecticut Hospital Association (CHA) appreciates this opportunity to present testimony concerning **SB 459, An Act Promoting The Early Detection, Diagnosis And Treatment Of Lung Cancer, Breast Cancer and Cervical Cancer.**

Early detection of cancer is essential to a patient's long-term prognosis. Cancers detected early, before they are able to spread to surrounding organs, are more likely to successfully respond to treatment. The emotional and financial costs of early detection are far less severe than attempting to treat and cope with late-stage cancer. This proposal will be of great help to unserved and underserved residents meeting eligibility criteria and promises to save many lives. Thus, the CHA supports this bill and urges its adoption by the committee.

Thank you for your consideration of our position.

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