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**SB 420 An Act Concerning Revisions to the Statutes**  
**of the Office of Health Care Access**

Good Morning Senator Handley, Representative Sayers, and distinguished members of the Public Health Committee. I am Cristine Vogel, Commissioner of the Office of Health Care Access (OHCA), and I thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony on SB 420, An Act Concerning Revisions to the Statutes of the Office of Health Care Access.

This bill is purely technical in nature. It changes all references in OHCA statutes from "calendar days" and "business days" to "days" in order to make OHCA statutes consistent and avoid confusion.

The bill repeals obsolete sections of our statutes referring to the regulation of nursing homes, which are no longer under OHCA's purview, but rather are now regulated by the Department of Social Services.

Finally, the bill repeals a variety of definitions which are no longer relevant, as the terms they define are not mentioned in current OHCA statutes. Moreover, the sections in which those terms were previously contained have been repealed for at least a decade. The only term that is still relevant is "Office" which is later defined in Section 19a-630.