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Good afternoon, Senator Looney and Representative Janowski, members of the Executive and Legislative Nominations Committee. It is an honor to appear before you today and to have been nominated to the State Medical Examining Board by Governor Rell.

I am looking forward to serving on this board and see it as both an opportunity and a challenge. I am a native of Connecticut and have benefited from many services and programs from the state over the course of my life. I am particularly grateful for the wonderful education I received from the Mansfield Public Schools and at the University of Connecticut.

I began a career in the Army Medical Department upon graduation from UCONN. That career spanned 30 years culminating in my serving as Chairman of a Radiology Department and as the Radiology Consultant for the Surgeon General, U.S Army. These leadership positions enhanced my understanding of the clinical, legal and the interpersonal aspects of healthcare. Furthermore, it highlighted the responsibility all health care professionals have for delivering safe and effective care while conducting ourselves in a professional fashion.

During my military career and while transitioning to the civilian world, I have continued to serve on the Board of Directors of the Children's Radiologic Institute, in Columbus, Ohio, which has provided exposure to the private practice side of the medical community.

As Vice-Chair in the department of Radiology at the UMASS Memorial Healthcare and UMASS Medical School, and in my current role as Chair of the Radiology Department at UCONN, I have had the opportunity to further broaden my knowledge base and enhance my understanding of the current health care delivery system and the physician's role in it. I have served as Program Director for several Radiology Residency Training programs and in that role was responsible not only for assuring that the residents acquire an appropriate fund of medical knowledge; but also for instructing them in their professional responsibilities to each and every patient as well as to the community at large.

Radiology is a core competency in medicine providing essential imaging information to all the medical specialties. As a radiologist, I have an opportunity to interface with these clinicians and appreciate their current issues and challenges, as well as, the latest development in their particular fields.

At this stage in my career, with the accumulated medical knowledge and life experience I have gained, I would be honored to serve the State in this capacity- to help maintain the standard of medicine in the state of Connecticut at the highest level it can be.