

**Judiciary Committee  
Public Hearing**

**March 24, 2009**

**Testimony of Theresa C. Lantz, Commissioner, Department of Correction**

Good afternoon, Senator McDonald, Representative Lawlor and distinguished members of the Judiciary Committee. I am Theresa Lantz, Commissioner for the Department of Correction and submit this testimony on the following bill:

**Committee Bill No. 639, An Act Concerning the Training Requirements for Medical Directors of Correctional Facilities**

The medical director of the Department of Correction and eight of the 20 physicians at Correctional Managed Health Care (CMHC) have already received eight hours of federally approved opiate and detoxification training. It is my understanding that the other 12 CMHC physicians can be trained by April 2010.

I join CMHC in recommending that the language on lines 22-23 be amended to read as follows:

“...by, or under contract with, the Department of Correction [to provide] who provides detoxification or substance abuse treatment services to inmates has professional...”

Thank you for your consideration of the Department's views on Committee Bill 639.