

TESTIMONY – Bill 5312

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Guardian Angels HomeCare, LLC is a Homemaker Companion agency, licensed by the CT Dept of Consumer Protection and in 2008 we employed approximately 200 persons . We are state wide, most of our employees are part time, with hours varying from as few as 10 per week to 40 or more, as well as live-in home care.

We do work for a multiple number of State agencies, including – the former DMR -DDS, DSS, and all area regions for the Agency on Aging including their Respite Program, Home Care Program and others.

Our background checks are extremely thorough & timely. We are utilizing a Nationwide Arrest History which includes many individual state data bases, Sex Offender, DMV, Insurance, Credit and Drug Screening. Additionally we utilize the E-Verify system through the Department of Homeland Security to assure Visa's are current & applicants are eligible to work legally in the USA.

These data bases are completed in minutes online so they are instantaneous while providing a thorough research into the criminal background, life style and hiring ability for all applicants.

Often times the public, a discharge Nurse or a State social worker will require post-hospital coverage for that same day of the call. The system works for us now to provide quality caregivers at minimal notice while being cost effective for the employer.

Homecare agencies would operate at a significant disadvantage in serving the public by changing this system currently in place. And, not without saying, not having available caregivers would increase hospitalization time, many being paid

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THE HISTORY OF THE REIGN OF KING CHARLES THE FIRST, BY JOHN BURNET, A BISHOP OF SALISBURY. THE SECOND EDITION, CORRECTED AND ENLARGED. LONDON, Printed by J. Sturges, at the Black-Swan in St. Dunstons Church, in the Strand, 1724.

CHARLES THE FIRST, King of Great Britain, was born at Windsor, the 29th of February, 1600. His father, James the First, King of Great Britain, was the first of that name who reigned in Great Britain. He was the first of the Stuart line, and the first of the House of Stuart.

He was educated at the University of Edinburgh, and afterwards at the University of Cambridge. He was a great lover of learning, and a great patron of the arts and sciences.

He was married to Henrietta Maria, daughter of the King of France, in the year 1625. She was a great favourite of his, and he was very fond of her. They had several children, but only one of them, Charles the Second, survived.

He was a great lover of his country, and he was very fond of his people. He was a great patron of the arts and sciences, and he was very fond of his subjects.

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by the State – thereby ultimately increasing costs to the State as patients would be delayed in their discharge. The general public would not be well served either as delays in providing the proper caregiver would increase their out of pocket costs and insurance expense as well at a time when Connecticut residents are struggling with hospitalization costs already.

Homemaker Companion agencies operate on thin margins. Our current background check system is not only a quality system but is time efficient, and affordable as a cost to our business. To add unnecessary cost to the Agencies would be a financial burden for us and not encourage compliance by many Agencies who may be already financially weak.

I anticipate hiring approx. 100 people in 2009 – the proposed fee would cost us \$2500.00 in additional hiring expense not to mention the time delays to initiate service plus the extra in hospital cost to State, insurance and the public while awaiting clearance for caregivers.

The bottom line here is that what the State is proposing is to add bulk to our hiring process & reduce timely quality service to the public as well as penalize businesses who are already doing a good job. It will cost the insurance industry and the general public more as well as add cost to the State while not improving anything. In this economy when businesses which are already struggling to stay alive this bill is not a solution, it's a disasterous step and would be a disservice to the residents of the State.

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