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**Testimony of Toni M. Fatone, Executive VP of the CT
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Good afternoon Sen. Doyle, Rep. walker and ,members of the Human Services Committee. I am Toni Fatone the executive vice-president of the Ct Association of Healthcare Facilities. We are the nursing home association representing more than half of the nursing homes in this State.

I am here to day to testify on HB 6400 AAC Strengthening Nursing Home Oversight- I come before you today to caution the committee that a time when nursing homes are in a severe financial crisis why are we proposing more mandates on them? This bill was an effort put forth last year to address the concerns surrounding a particular company that no longer exists. There are no wide spread problems being reported that this legislation seeks to address. The legislation didn't pass last year because it was rife with major legal issues. I have attached a detailed legal memorandum that we provided to legislators last year outlining our concerns with the bill. And we are happy to work with the Committee on this issue because there is allot of work to be done if you see fit to move it along.

HB 6402 AAC The Maximization of Medicaid Reimbursement- we support this bill. CT gets screwed in the Federal FMAP formula because Fairfield County skews our per capita income figures and drives our Federal Share down. It will take an act of Congress to change the formula literally and figuratively. But right now CT is one of 12 count them 12 states at the lowest Federal matching percentage. ALL the other states get far more money than we do! If we could recalculate the formula based on the other 2/3's of the State I would estimate we would rise to almost a 70% match with

the Feds. This would provide great relief to our Medicaid program that is under siege with increasing demands of record proportions.

Thank you for your time.