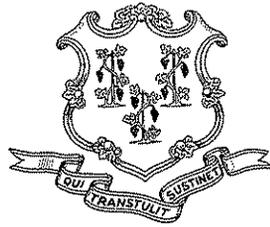


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I would like to express my support for HB 6310, AN ACT CONCERNING DIRECT PATIENT ACCESS TO LABORATORY TEST RESULTS. This bill would make a common sense change and allow patients direct access to their laboratory test results. Currently patients do have rights to their test results but these results must be obtained from the healthcare providers. The supposed rationale for this is that patients are not sufficiently informed or competent to interpret these results. That is quite patronizing to the patients; it is a mindset from a different time when patients were "protected" from their diagnoses. If patients have questions regarding the meaning of these results they would be able to query their providers. Allowing direct access to laboratory test results would increase transparency in medicine and thus improve quality of care. In addition, with the current confusing state of our healthcare system, allowing direct access to patients may prevent alarming test results from being lost in the system. Thank you for raising this important issue.