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Testimony of

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Good Morning Senator Harris, Representative Ritter and members of the Public Health Committee.

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Sharon Palmer  
PRESIDENT

Thank you for the opportunity to testify today.

Melodie Peters  
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My name is Jean Morningstar and I am the president of University Health Professionals, Local#3837 representing more than 2500 members at UConn Health Center and John Dempsey Hospital.

Leo Canty  
SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

I am here today to testify in support of Senate Bill 980 AN ACT CONCERNING CERTIFICATES OF NEED.

Thomas Bruenn  
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This bill makes a small change to the certificate of need process, but an important one.

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By requiring that each health care facility or institution, that intends to transfer all or part of its ownership or control, submit to the office, prior to the proposed date of such transfer, a request for permission to undertake such transfer, this bill ensures that the Office of Health Care Access (OHCA) can carry out its charge to protect public interests.

The system in place is one that allows the public and affected parties the ability to voice their concerns about meeting the public's health care needs.

This bill ensures that the vital role OHCA serves will continue.

I urge you to support Senate Bill 980.

