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**Insurance Committee Public Hearing**

**Thursday, February 18, 2010**

**Connecticut Association of Health Plans**

**Testimony regarding**

**HB 5090 AA Regulating Third-Party Administrators.**

The Connecticut Association of Health Plans appreciates the opportunity to present testimony with respect to HB 5090 AA Regulating Third-Party Administrators (TPA). The industry worked in good faith with the Department of Insurance and other advocates of the initiative throughout the 2009 legislative session to reach consensus on statutory language which is largely reflected in the bill before you today. We very much appreciate the past willingness of the Department and the Committee to entertain our concerns and believe that the discussions resulted in a fair piece of legislation that addressed the identified objectives.

There are a few provisions in HB 5090, however, that vary a bit from the discussions of last year and we would appreciate the Committee's and the Department's indulgence for a few more days upon which to reflect on the new language. This is a large and complicated bill and while we are committed to working towards a solution on the issue, we want to be wary of any unintended consequences with respect to the changes.

Many thanks for your consideration.