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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

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**TESTIMONY PRESENTED BEFORE THE INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE
COMMITTEE
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**House Bill 5305 - An Act An Act Exempting From Regulation Certain Nonprofit
Volunteer Ambulance Services Or Companies**

The Department of Public Health **opposes** House Bill 5305.

The Department of Public Health is charged with establishing and annually setting the maximum allowable rates for ambulance and emergency medical service organizations in Connecticut. Within the regulations concerning rate setting it is noted specifically:

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(e) A certified or licensed provider shall not charge for services which are not specified in the appropriate rate schedule.

There is no rate schedule for subscription service. The exemption created under this proposal will likely prove to be an unregulated fee that will be absorbed by the individuals and households within a specific EMS Organization's area creating quasi-insurance for a limited population within the state. Additionally, this bill addresses only a select population for a healthcare benefit in Connecticut and will not serve the overall population.

Due to the conflict with current regulation, a concern for fees that would go unregulated by DPH and the limited benefit for Connecticut's population, the Department of Public Health stands in opposition to this proposed legislation.

Thank you for your consideration of the Department's views on this bill.

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