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Raised Bill No. 263 AN ACT REQUIRING TANNING FACILITIES TO PROVIDE NOTIFICATION OF THE HEALTH RISKS WITH THE USE OF TANNING DEVICES

SUBMITTED TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE
By CT Association of Directors of Health, Inc. (CADH)

March 1, 2010

Dear Senator Harris, Representative Ritter and Members of the Public Health Committee:

The Connecticut Association of Directors of Health (CADH) opposes the proposed addition to Section 19a-232 of the general statutes as currently written and offers the following suggestions for modification.

- It makes no sense for 80 local health departments, independently, to approve the signs and statements that tanning facilities would be required to post under this proposed change. This is not the best use of very limited local public health resources. Furthermore, any signs or statements required should be standardized and we urge the committee to consider modification of this section requiring that standardized language be developed by a State agency for use statewide.
- Currently 19a-232 of the general statutes includes a provision that may result in a fine for any operator who knowingly allows a person under sixteen to tan without written parental or guardian consent. The proposed new language is very vague and only states that consumer complaints may be directed to the local health department. We suggest that this language be stricken entirely, as there is already a mechanism for this, OR that the language regarding complaints be specific to under age tanning without parental consent.

Thank you for considering our comments and please do not hesitate to contact us if we can be of any assistance.