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**Statement of Paul Harrington  
Director of Sales, Tommy's Tanning, Inc  
Before the  
Public Health Committee  
Senate Bill 263  
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**Sen. Harris, Rep. Ritter and members of the committee:**

**My name is Paul Harrington. I am the Director of Sales for Tommy's Tanning Connecticut's largest tanning salon chain. We currently employ nearly 100 people, have 12 locations, and have operated successfully for 25 years. I joined Tommy's Tanning 2 years ago after working in a national capacity for 8 years with California Tan, one of the largest tanning lotion manufacturers in the world.**

**All our employees have completed a "Smart Tan" certification. We emphasize to our employees and clients that we are a TANNING salon, NOT a burning salon. The exposure time for our clients is controlled only by our salon operator, NOT the client.**

**I would like to offer comments on Senate Bill 263, *An Act Requiring Tanning Facilities to Provide Notification of the Health Risks Associated with the Use of Tanning Devices.***

- **The bill requires visible signage, and for consumers to sign a written document acknowledging that they have been informed of the warnings about health risks associated with the use of sun**

beds, and that these signs be approved by the municipal health department or health district as well.

- We respectfully submit that we are currently operating with uniform FDA approved warning labels on each piece of equipment. These FDA warning labels reflect the uniqueness of each tanning device, AND the complicated approval process between manufacturers and the FDA. The bill's requirement for a second sign is duplicative and potentially confusing since it may have different content. With 12 locations currently, this part of the bill subjects us to the interpretations of 12 different health officials, creating an unfair, chaotic, expensive, duplicative process of printing, training and enforcement for both our staff AND clients. Many of our customers use more than one location and would see different wording depending on which health inspector, approved which signage, creating even more confusion. Again respectfully, this sounds like a disaster ready to happen. — If we had a location in every one of the municipalities in the state we could face 169 different directives.

We would respectfully urge the Public Health Committee to take no action on SB263.

Thank You for hearing my comments. Tommy's Tanning would look forward to the opportunity of being part of any future "tanning" dialogue.