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RE: CT ABI Waiver amendment

Good afternoon Chairman Harp, Chairman Geragosian , Chairman Doyle, Chairman Walker, Ranking Member Debicella, Ranking Member Miner, Ranking Member Kane, Ranking Member Gibbons and distinguished members of the Appropriations and Human Services Committees.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on the Connecticut ABI Waiver amendment submitted by the Department of Social Services (DSS) to your committees for consideration. I have been contacted by constituents who have a family member currently on the ABI waiting list. The constituent's application was filed in June 2009 under a new set of rules that combined applicants of both the Money Follows the Person and ABI Programs.

Should this proposed ABI amendment be adopted today I want ensure that those on the waiting list will not be bumped and this is an expansion of the slots for both programs.

I also want to make sure that those on the ABI waiting list will not be required to submit additional information to DSS or incur monetary expenses under these proposed revised guidelines.

I appreciate your consideration of these comments.

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