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Testimony Before The Insurance and Real Estate Committee, Human
Services Committee and the Public Health Committee
Re: HB 6322 An Act Concerning State Prescription Drug Purchasing
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Good Morning. My name is Carrie Rand-Anastasiades and I am the Executive Director of the Connecticut Association of Community Pharmacies. We represent chain pharmacies around the State such as CVS, Walgreens, Stop & Shop, and PriceChopper to name a few. I am here today to testify on HB 6322 An Act Concerning State Prescription Drug Purchasing.

We have spoken with Comptroller Lembo and he has informed us that the drafting of this bill is incorrect. We are working with his office to get the correct language and figure out the financial impact of it on our businesses.

We do have concerns about moving part of the Medicaid reimbursement rate into a contract and out of the realm of the legislature. If the rate should become too low and pharmacies drop out of the Medicaid program, the legislature will have little or no recourse to step in and change the situation. There could then be pharmacy access problems for Medicaid clients. This is a large policy shift in the healthcare delivery system.

We will continue to work with the Comptroller and the legislature as this bill moves forward.

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