

INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE

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RAISED BILL No. 6306 AAC THE LISTING OF ADVANCED PRACTICE REGISTERED NURSE IN MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATION PROVIDER LISTINGS, AND PRIMARY CARE PROVIDER DESIGNATIONS.

Testimony of Virginia Napiello, APRN IN SUPPORT OF RAISED BILL No. 6306

Senator Crisco, Representative Megna, and members of the Committee

Thank you for raising this bill and providing an opportunity to speak on an important issue affecting access to primary care.

My name is Virginia Napiello and I am testifying in support of Raised Bill No. 6306.

I am sharing with you some information that would have made my professional life in the Torrington area more successful and much more pleasurable.

I had left a very lucrative practice in the Greater Waterbury CT. area to care for my sick elderly parent. I went to work at a practice much closer to my home, in Torrington, CT. While working in Torrington I received telephone calls at my home asking me where I had moved my practice to because they knew no other way to reach me. I was not listed under any Managed Care Organization Provider Listings and/or Primary Care Provider Designations. The patients had to resort to calling me at home to find my new location. Because it became increasingly frustrating for both the patients and me, I left the Torrington area and returned to the Greater Waterbury area hoping it would be easier for the patients who were more familiar with me as a health care provider. Now, the patients from Torrington are having difficulty now finding me in the Greater Waterbury area!

I would like to see this bill considered for legislation so patients are able to continue their care with providers when and if they relocate.

Thank you in advance for your consideration in this matter,

Sincerely,

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