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*Testimony by Representative Pam Sawyer  
Before the Insurance & Real Estate Committee  
On rHouse Bill 6307  
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Good afternoon Chairmen Crisco and Megna, Ranking Members Kelly and Coutu, and members of the Insurance & Real Estate Committee. For the record, I am Representative Pam Sawyer, representing the 55th District. I am here today to speak *in opposition* as written to **HB 6307 AA** Regulating Third-Party Administrators.

It is too broad in scope and has a significant detrimental effect on the few small businesses in this field! Please take careful consideration to the following suggestions if the committee is going to go forward with any consideration of legislation regarding 'third party administrators' (TPA).

1. New York has no law and two states in New England, Maine and Rhode Island have significantly more reasonable statutes in place... in fact, Rhode Island does not even regulate TPA's who administer for self-insured employers.

2. If the state is going to regulate TPA's, the state should look to other state statutes in the Northeast.

What is the worst part if this were to pass?

This new regulatory system as proposed in r**HB 6307** would have financial requirements that are so costly for a small TPA business, that the reality is that the employers they serve will see an additional increase in their health care bills from TPAs to offset the increase. No one needs that increased cost, not now, not this year.

Is this the year to slam a small segment of businesses whom have not been a problem in the state

of Connecticut? There has not been repeated complaints nor has there been a huge outcry to come down on these business people.

This bill is truly anti-small business and sends a sour message to the business community, 'CT is not open for business'.

Thank you.