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**Insurance Committee Public Hearing**

**March 3, 2011**

**Connecticut Association of Health Plans**

**Testimony in Support of**

**HB 6471 An Act Prohibiting Most Favored Nation Clauses in Health Care Provider Contracts**

The Connecticut Association of Health Plans is pleased to support HB 6471. Assuring that Connecticut's health insurance marketplace remains competitive is critical to the health of the overall delivery system. Most Favored Nation Clauses create an unlevel playing field among the carriers and should be prohibited allowing health plans to compete on the basis true cost and quality. Currently, Connecticut has the benefit of five major health insurers in the state which gives our employers and consumers real choice among products. Practices that have the potential to destabilize the market should be discontinued.

Thank you for your consideration.