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Connecticut S.B. 469 – An Act Requiring Certain Disclosures for Long Term Care Policies.

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Chairmen Crisco and Megna and members of the Insurance and Real Estate Committee, America's Health Insurance Plans (AHIP) appreciates this opportunity to present testimony on Senate Bill 469, "An Act Requiring Certain Disclosures for Long-Term Care Policies." AHIP is the national association representing approximately 1,300 health insurance plans that provide coverage to more than 200 million Americans. Our members offer a broad range of insurance products, including private long-term care insurance coverage, to help consumers cover the costs of their long-term care.

AHIP and our member insurers writing long-term care insurance appreciate and share the Committee's interest in ensuring that consumers are aware of the potential for premium increases on long-term care insurance policies. However, we believe a better alternative is for the Committee to amend the bill to adopt the NAIC's Long-Term Care Insurance Model Regulation's Section 9 which requires carriers to provide consumers at initial solicitation and application with the NAIC Model's rate increase consumer disclosure form. This disclosure form forewarns the consumer that the policy may be subject to rate increases in the future, and provides an explanation of potential future premium rate revisions and the insured's options in the event of such a rate revision.

AHIP would welcome the opportunity to work with the Committee to develop amendment language to incorporate the NAIC Model language into Senate Bill 469.