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Connecticut Judiciary Committee Member

# DANGER !!!!!!!

Dear Committee Member,

**PLEASE VOTE NO ON HB 6487**

This bill is Draconian. It will wipe away a longstanding effort to establish common sense requirements regarding certificates of merit ensuring that only viable cases are filed. We physicians spent YEARS in efforts to get this minimal requirement passed (Public Act 05-275) which is already frequently bypassed without consequence by trial lawyers.

The consequence of passing this legislation will be devastating as follows.

1. *CT will be labeled by the AMA and specialty organizations as the most ferocious malpractice state causing young physicians to flee to other states in noticeable numbers before they settle in .*
2. *CT will have much greater difficulty attracting new physicians to a state already with cost of living problems in Fairfield and New Haven Counties, and noted for severe HMO fee and contracting problems.*
3. *Physician malpractice rates will again rise probably to the point of unaffordable. It has taken years for us to stabilize them to some degree.*
4. *Access to physicians of all specialties will be noticeably curtailed as physicians limit their work to that which has minimal risk as we are already a pummeled profession with few legislative protections in this regard.*

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