CONNECTICUT HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION

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**SUBMITTED TO THE**
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## HB 6564, An Act Concerning Assault Of Licensed Security Officers

The Connecticut Hospital Association (CHA) appreciates this opportunity to present testimony concerning **HB 6564, An Act Concerning Assault Of Licensed Security Officers.** CHA supports this bill.

Connecticut's hospitals are located throughout the state, in areas ranging from inner cities to rural communities. What they have in common is a mission to meet local healthcare needs, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year. Hospital personnel provide care under conditions that are often difficult and sometimes dangerous.

The passage of HB 6564, a bill that enhances the penalty for the assault of a licensed security officer, would provide an extra level of legal recourse in the event of an assault on those who are charged with keeping healthcare providers, patients, and families safe at hospitals in Connecticut.

Your support for HB 6564 will help ensure that Connecticut's hospitals remain safe for all concerned.

Thank you for your consideration of our position.

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