

HB 5048

Dear members of the public health committee:

My name is Ron Bianchi and I am the Corporate Senior Vice President at St Vincent's Medical Center in Bridgeport.

I am writing in opposition of HB 5048, an act requiring certificate of need approval for the termination of inpatient and outpatient services by a hospital.

This bill would fly in the face of changes made to the CON process last session which created an inclusion and exclusion list of CON obligations and eliminated the need for a CON to terminate inpatient and outpatient services offered by a hospital. To my knowledge there have been no consequences or negative occurrences since this bill was passed, making it even more confusing as to why the bill is being changed

It appears that hospitals are being singled out for this unnecessary expense of time and money for controls which have recently been eliminated by an act of the legislature. I am requesting that the bill be opposed and thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Ron Bianchi