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***HB6305: An Act Concerning Implementation of the Sustinet Plan***

**Testimony of Regina Walsh, L.Ac., President, Connecticut Society of Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine  
Insurance & Real Estate, Human Services, and Public Health Committees Joint Public Hearing  
Monday, Feb. 14, 2011**

Dear Committee Chairs, and Members:

We applaud the work that you and your respective Committees have done to advance the landmark Sustinet program, and we are writing to voice our support for HB6305 and the implementation of Sustinet.

The number and diversity of organizations that have joined in support of Sustinet is itself testimony that the time is right to incorporate the program's model elements and improvements into our state's health care system.

We see that a well-implemented Sustinet program would embody the same objectives that our organization and profession are committed to: high quality, effective and efficient health care that is accessible to the people of our state.

We were pleased to have a representative of our organization serve in the Sustinet Advisory Committee process, and to contribute our recommendations for utilization of the full spectrum of licensed health care practitioners, as well as innovative use of proven preventive care planning at the patient level.

Finally, we are encouraged by the emphasis, in the Sustinet Board of Director's Report and recommendations to the General Assembly, placed on use of evolving research and experience to develop health care delivery reforms which provide care that is known to be safe, improve health, and prevent unnecessary spending.

The Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine profession has much to contribute to such developments, from preventive care to collaborative complementary care in the patient-centered medical home model and hospital settings. As such, our organization would look forward to contributing our effort and expertise to the implementation of the Sustinet program, and the sustained health of the people served by the program.

With Best Regards,

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