

**TESTIMONY OF
ST. VINCENT'S MEDICAL CENTER
SUBMITTED TO THE
PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE
Friday, March 11, 2011**

Dear Members of the Public Health Committee:

My name is Ron Bianchi, Corporate Senior Vice President of St. Vincent's Medical Center in Bridgeport.

St. Vincent's is Connecticut's 5th largest hospital and provides employment to nearly 3,000 employees.

St. Vincent's deeply appreciates the opportunity to submit testimony in support of HB 6545, an Act Concerning the Provision of Prophylactic and Emergency Care to Hospital Patients.

This bill will allow hospitals to utilize protocol known as "standing orders" after an assessment for contraindications. These orders would be consistent with physician approved hospital policy; used for care that is emergent, timely or necessary or to advance patient care consistent with CMS Medicare Conditions of Participation for hospitals.

CMS recently clarified its endorsement of standing orders, thereby overriding the mistaken impression held by many in the provider community who believed otherwise.

This bill will remove any confusion held by providers and DPH and this will move us to achieving better outcomes.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments on this subject.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ronald J. Bianchi".

Ronald J. Bianchi
Corporate Senior Vice President