

Dear Senator Stillman and Representative Ritter,

Thank you both for initiating the request and rallying the southeastern Connecticut delegation for Bond funds towards a Hospice Residence: a “vision” for Hospice Southeastern CT. Our agency’s mission to care for those terminally ill individuals and their families is what guides all that we do; it is in fact, *What We Do*. However at this point in our journey towards having the residence be a reality it is still a “vision”. We are actively pursuing that reality but have more due diligence to accomplish before our agency can make a final decision. The final Board decision may not come for some months and it would be inappropriate for us to say otherwise.

Therefore I respectfully request that S.B. Bill 532 be withdrawn from the Public Health Committee and February 23, 2011 hearing.

With slow steady analysis and due diligence on our part we may return to request assistance next year.

Again , thank you so much for all you have done and the entire southeastern Connecticut delegation have done and continue to do to support the mission of caring for terminally ill friends and neighbors in our community.  
Regards, Carol

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