

TESTIMONY OF THE
CONNECTICUT COALITION OF PROPERTY OWNERS
BEFORE THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE
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Good afternoon, my name is Marshall Collins. I am appearing today in my capacity as Counsel for Government Relations for the Connecticut Coalition of Property Owners (“CCOPO”). CCOPO is the largest landlord property owner association in Connecticut. It has chapters in Bridgeport, Hartford, Stamford and other communities. Its members own approximately 20,000 rental units throughout Connecticut.

CCOPO cannot support **HB 1049 AAC Requiring Certain Property Owners To Provide Notice Of Bed Bug Infestations.**

The notice provisions of HB 1049 are meaningless regarding the prevention of bed bug infestations. The valid public health objective is prevention not after the fact notice. The significant public and private resources do nothing to educate the public regarding how to prevent bed bugs. Instead of spending public funds and imposing difficult reporting requirements on landlords, a better use of taxpayer dollars would be providing educational material for tenants.

HB 1049 is ineffectual in reducing whatever health risks are caused by bed bugs. Therefore, CCOPO cannot support the bill and respectfully urges the Committee to reject it.

This completes my testimony. Thank you for your consideration.