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**Testimony before the Committee on Public Health:
S.B. 533, "An Act Establishing A Uniform State Licensing Process For
Private Community-Based Providers"**

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I am Lynn Warner, Executive Director of The Arc of Connecticut, a 59 year-
old statewide advocacy organization for individuals with intellectual
disabilities and their families. We have 23 local chapters that provide
supports, services, and advocacy for individuals of all ages with intellectual
and developmental disabilities throughout Connecticut.

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I am here today to testify in support of **S.B. 533, "An Act Establishing A
Uniform State Licensing Process For Private Community-Based
Providers"**, as it would ease the licensure burden currently faced by private
providers who are required to file duplicative applications for multiple
health-related state agencies.

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As we are all well aware with the economic crisis Connecticut now finds
itself in, any opportunity to achieve efficiencies and reduce costs is an
opportunity worth exploring and sustaining.

By streamlining this process, it would not only save precious resources of
time and money, but more importantly, allow private providers to focus
more energy on the quality supports and services they provide to the
individuals entrusted in their care every day.

S.B. 533 appears to make good business sense and I urge this Committee to
vote favorably on it. Thank you for the opportunity to speak before you
today.

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