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HB 6305, An Act Concerning Implementation Of The Sustinet Plan
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Members of the committees:

I am Dr. Richard Duenas, a Chiropractic Physician, and am here today on behalf of the Connecticut Chiropractic Association to comment on the Sustinet Plan. The Connecticut Chiropractic Association is pleased to have participated in discussions and planning of Sustinet. We look forward to contributing to the planning and implementation of this initiative for the betterment of individual and the public's health throughout the state.

The CCA appreciates that the bill specifically requires that the specific health insurance plans offered by Sustinet will adhere to all state mandates. This includes coverage of Chiropractic (Sec. 38a-507, Sec. 38a-534). We have seen that these rules, when properly followed, will provide the best opportunities for individuals to utilize the full scope of chiropractic services. This offers greater opportunity for the doctor and patient to achieve clinical and cost-effective care. Fragmented care, in our experience, leads to inefficiency and ineffectiveness.

The CCA would like to propose that HB 6305 contain a provision to establish a formal Advisory Committee comprised of all healing arts practitioners as defined in Chapter 369 along with practitioner representatives from respective colleges. This will improve the inter-professional relations and collaboration of Connecticut's Healing Arts Practitioners. Standards of care could be established and revised on a regular basis so that insurers, health professions and the public can easily understand health conditions, treatment options and treatment expectations. We believe the advisory committee could be a very effective tool and that it should meet at least once every quarter.

Since 1916 the chiropractic profession offers individuals of all ages clinically sound and effective naturally-based primary and specialty health care, in conjunction with other practitioners where indicated. We look forward to providing our full scope chiropractic care in the Sustinet Plan. Thank you.

Richard Duenas, D.C.