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The Connecticut Association of Not-for-profit Providers For the Aging

### **Testimony to the Public Health Committee**

#### **Regarding**

#### **House Bill 6617, An Act Concerning Continuity of Care in Nursing Homes**

#### **Submitted by Mag Morelli, CANPFA President**

**March 23, 2011**

Good afternoon Senator Gerratana, Representative Ritter and members of the Public Health Committee. My name is Mag Morelli and I am the President of the Connecticut Association of Not-for-profit Providers for the Aging (CANPFA), an association representing over 130 not-for-profit and mission-driven providers of aging services including nursing homes, residential care homes, housing for the elderly, continuing care retirement communities, adult day centers, home care and assisted living agencies. CANPFA members are sponsored by religious, fraternal, community, and governmental organizations that are committed to providing quality care and services to their residents and clients.

On behalf of CANPFA, I would like to submit the following testimony regarding House Bill 6617, An Act Concerning Continuity of Care in Nursing Homes. Patient's rights are currently provided and explained at admission and are posted within the facility. We do not understand the intent of requiring repeated notification during a labor dispute. We are also concerned that the bill would require repeated oral readings of the rights. We therefore cannot support the bill as written.

Thank you for your consideration of this testimony. **Mag Morelli**, President of CANPFA, [mmorelli@canpfa.org](mailto:mmorelli@canpfa.org), (860) 828-2903