



*Living in your community, staying in your home.*

State Senator Edith Prague  
Joint Committee of Labor and Government Employees  
For Public Hearing March 8, 2012

Testimony pertaining to SB330 regarding registries of home care workers:

East Rock Village is a non-profit organization that exists to help its members live active and engaged lives in their own homes for as long as possible as they grow older. We have been in operation for a year and a half, now serve 90 households (141 individuals) in greater New Haven, and are growing and expanding. Among our services, we refer our members to home-care and skilled nursing providers.

We understand and support the sometimes conflicting interests of the State in protecting home-care workers, keeping elder care safe and affordable, and maximizing public revenues during these difficult fiscal times.

We are writing to urge your careful consideration of a compromise proposal that has been presented to you as the *Griswold Home Care Model*.

- It preserves the Registry system to keep costs low;
- It pays unemployment insurance and worker's compensation insurance to protect home-care workers and the consumers who employ them;
- It supports consumers as they report their workers' earnings on 1099 forms to federal and state authorities to ensure payment of payroll taxes.

As we face rapid growth in the elderly population of Connecticut, we would regret any actions that might have the unintended consequences of driving up the cost of home care and putting homecare registries out of business while they pursue the important goals of protecting providers and consumers of home care and strengthening state revenues.

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