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Testimony to the Committee on Labor and Public Employees  
**Bill No. 330 - AN ACT CONCERNING THE EMPLOYERS OF INDIVIDUALS PROVIDING  
HOMEMAKER SERVICES, COMPANION SERVICES AND HOMEMAKER-HOME HEALTH  
AIDE SERVICES**  
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Good afternoon Senator Prague and Representative Zalaski and the members of the Committee on Labor and Public Employees.

My name is Bruce V. Morris and I represent the 140<sup>th</sup> House District, in Norwalk CT. I am here to testify in opposition of Committee Bill 330 - AN ACT CONCERNING THE EMPLOYERS OF INDIVIDUALS PROVIDING HOMEMAKER SERVICES, COMPANION SERVICES AND HOMEMAKER-HOME HEALTH AIDE SERVICES.

I am here with a constituent of mine Crystal Ramsey who is the co-owner of the Greenwich Nurses Registry. The Nurses Registry has served Greenwich and the surrounding communities for more than 80 years. They serve a range of patients from pediatrics through geriatrics and the terminally ill.

However, their model of home care would be eliminated if Senate Bill 330 passes. Senate bill 911 which passed the legislature last year, brought registries under the jurisdiction of the Department of Consumer Protection. That bill provided consumers with certain protections.

Registries such as Crystal's have only been regulated by the Department of Consumer Protection, due to the passage of SB 911, for less than 3 months. That is clearly not enough time to gauge the impact of that legislation on this segment of the homecare industry.

Thank you for your time. Crystal will now talk more about her registry and the public policy effects if this legislation passes.