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**Public Health Committee**

**Public Hearing**

**Wednesday, March 7, 2012**

**Connecticut Association of Health Plans**

**Testimony regarding**

**HB 5038 An Act Implementing the Governor's Budget Recommendations Concerning an All-Payer Claims Database Program**

The Connecticut Association of Health Plans (CTAHP) appreciates the opportunity to offer testimony regarding HB 5038 An Act Implementing the Governor's Budget Recommendations Concerning an All-Payer Claims Database Program.

We would like to thank the Governor and the Office of Health Reform and Innovation for taking the initiative to establish an APCD in the state. As an industry we look forward to working with policymakers to create an APCD that enhances the opportunity for the State to improve its understanding of the health of the population and to identify opportunities to share health care data that improve the system as a whole.

As an industry we recognize that the data generated to pay claims can be a rich source of information about what is working and, what is not working, within our health care system and we have appreciated the opportunity to work with the State thus far in developing a solid framework for APCD policy. Establishing a clear understanding of the APCD's goals at the outset is critical to its success and we share the State's desire to ensure that the data collected is meaningful and achievable. The Office of Health Reform and Innovation has been very open to our comments and we will continue to work with them as the legislation continues to be refined. We also, as always, are available to members of this Committee if you have questions.

Thank you for your consideration.