



Association of Connecticut Ambulance Providers

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Testimony of David D. Lowell, President
Raised Bill No. 5438, An Act Concerning Payments for Ambulance Services.
Public Health Committee, Wednesday, March 21, 2012

Senator Gerratana, Representative Ritter and Distinguished Members of the Committee.

My name is David Lowell. I am President of the Association of Connecticut Ambulance Providers and Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of Hunter's Ambulance Service. I would like to offer testimony on behalf of our membership on Raised Bill No. 5438, An Act Concerning Payments for Ambulance Services.

Sections 1 and 2 of the proposed bill modify direct billing by insurance companies to ambulance providers for emergency ambulance services by requiring that these payments be made within sixty days. In a survey of our members, we find that most insurance companies are paying providers within an appropriate and reasonable amount of time. Therefore, at this time we do not believe that there is a need to impose a sixty day mandate.

In discussions with leadership of the committee, it is our understanding that members of the Public Health Committee have heard complaints from constituents about receiving requests for payment from ambulance providers five to six months after services have been provided. This issue may be associated with emergency ambulance services provided on an out of network basis.

The Association of Connecticut Ambulance Providers is more than willing to work with members of the Public Health Committee and others to try to address any issues that may arise in regards to payment by constituents to ambulance providers.

We thank you for your time and consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

David D. Lowell
President