

March 15, 2012

Dear Members of the Public Health Committee,

My name is Alison Iannotti and I would like to express my opposition to Bill 5499.

Late last year my ninety three year old grandmother was admitted to Connecticut Hospice where she spent the last few weeks of her life. During the last week of her life our family had at least one family member at her bedside around the clock. Regardless of the day of the week or the hour of the night the nursing and support staff were always right there assuring that my grandmother received the best of physical care and that we received emotional support during a very trying time in our lives.

We can never overstate the superb care and attention both my grandmother and my family received from Hospice. We will forever be grateful that Hospice exists and operates as it does--it allowed my grandmother to die pain free and with dignity and it allowed us a chance to be with her at the end of her life.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alison Iannotti". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "A" at the end.

Alison M. Iannotti