

Testimony of

Hospice Southeastern Connecticut

Before the Legislature's Public Health Committee

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My name is Donna Simpson. I am the Community Liaison for Hospice Southeastern Connecticut. I am submitting testimony in support of House Bill 5499 (Raised) An Act Concerning Regulations Relating to Hospice Care.

The current regulations guiding this work are 35 years old. Healthcare has changed and the time is right for the regulations to do the same.

The proposed regulations are supported by 28 of the 29 Hospice providers in Connecticut. I think that speaks volumes on the need for small hospice facilities serving the various corners of the state when other options for care are not available or appropriate.

The full continuum of service includes providing quality end of life care for people where they live or in an appropriate option. This would include hospice care being provided in the home, hospital, skilled nursing facility, or in a hospice facility.

Passing these regulations will allow this full continuum of hospice care to be available more conveniently throughout the state.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Thank you for taking the time to consider my testimony. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions at 860.848.5699 or (email address)