

Testimony of

Hospice Southeastern Connecticut

Before the Legislature's Public Health Committee

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My name is Lauren Watson. I am the Volunteer Program Administrator for Hospice Southeastern Connecticut. **I am submitting testimony in support of House Bill 5499 An Act Concerning Regulations Relating to Hospice Care.**

Please support HB 5499 which requires the Department of Public Health to adopt the Inpatient Hospice Regulations 19a-122b-1 to 19a-122b-14.

Currently, the full continuum of hospice care is not readily accessible to all our state residents. This care includes care in the home, care in the hospital, care in a skilled nursing facility and care in a hospice residence or facility.

We need your support to help us provide this care to CT residents. Please support Department of Public Health in moving the regulations forward to the Regulations Review committee.

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 lwatson@hospicesect.org.