

**TESTIMONY OF  
STAMFORD HOSPITAL  
SUBMITTED TO THE  
PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE  
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7, 2012**

**SB 275, An Act Concerning Workplace Violence Prevention and Reporting**

Stamford Hospital appreciates this opportunity to submit testimony concerning **SB 275, An Act Concerning Workplace Violence Prevention and Reporting**. Stamford Hospital supports this bill.

Protecting healthcare workers is an important priority for healthcare workers and our hospital wants to ensure that healthcare worker safety remains a top priority.

At Stamford Hospital we have conducted both internal and external evaluations of the organization's security processes and procedures, which resulted in many improvements. We have also formed a Workplace Violence Committee to review all associated issues. In addition, we have formed a Domestic Violence Committee to review our procedures for both our patients and staff; we've also increased our Security Team training and have expanded our non-violent crisis intervention training for all our nursing staff members.

Last year, this committee originated SB 970, *An Act Concerning Workplace Violence Prevention And Response in Health Care Settings*. This was a significant step toward furthering the commitment of healthcare facilities to reduce and prevent violence in the workplace, a goal that Stamford Hospital strongly supports. In order for the goals of Public Act 11-175 to be fully realized, the Connecticut Hospital Association has crafted SB 275 to clarify when law enforcement must be called. Specifically, SB 275 establishes a clear threshold for notifying police when an incident occurs based on the harm that is suffered by a workforce member.

We concur with the goals of SB 275 and we urge you to implement these necessary changes to Public Act 11-175.

Thank you for consideration of our position.