

Testimony of  
Hospice Southeastern Connecticut  
Before the Legislature's Public Health Committee

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My name is Christine Johnson . I am Volunteer Coordinator for Hospice Southeastern Connecticut. I am submitting testimony in support of House Bill 5499 (Raised) An Act Concerning Regulations Relating to Hospice Care .

A Hospice Residence would provide a place for quality end of life care when home care, hospital care or skilled nursing home care are not appropriate or possible. The 12 private rooms would have access to the outside garden, accommodations for family to visit and stay overnight with their loved one. The Residence would provide a relaxed atmosphere where you can find a cup of tea in the kitchen, sit in the great room to read, find a quiet place for reflection in the library, take time to find solace in the non-denominational chapel, gather with family in the dining room.

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 (cjohnson@hospicesect.org)