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CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

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Dear Representative Scribner:

I urge you to support the Hospice Facility Regulations 19a-122b-1 to 19a-122b-14 created by the Department of Public Health (DPH).

These regulations are sorely needed and will provide opportunities for licensed hospice providers throughout the state to offer terminally-ill patients access to all levels of hospice services both in home and in facilities within their own communities. They will allow for small hospice residences (usually 12 or fewer beds) to be built in areas around the state where accessibility to all levels of hospice care is currently a problem (Greater Danbury, Southeastern CT and Fairfield County to name a few). These hospice residences will be close to home and convenient to friends and family with less worry about travelling distances/hours to visit. They will also offer enhanced hospice care provided by hospice designated and trained staff in a home-like setting (not a nursing home or a hospital). Overall, they will ensure greater patient and family satisfaction at end-of-life.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this important hospice issue.

Sincerely,

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