Community Providers Association
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To: Members – Finance Revenue and Bonding Committee

From: Terry Edelstein, President/CEO

Re: S.B. No. 356 (RAISED) AN ACT EXPANDING THE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSISTANCE ACT.

I'm pleased to offer our support for S.B. 356 which would expand the Neighborhood Assistance Act (NAA) to organizations taxed under the provisions of chapter 213a, limited liability companies.

The Connecticut Community Providers Association (CCPA) represents organizations that provide services and supports for people with disabilities and significant challenges including children and adults with substance use disorders, mental illness, developmental, and physical disabilities. Community providers deliver quality health and human services to 500,000 of Connecticut's residents each year. We are the safety net.

The Neighborhood Assistance Act gives a tax credit to businesses that make cash contributions to municipal and nonprofit organizations. The proposed legislation would add an additional category of business that can receive the tax credits, expanding opportunities that benefit the businesses as well as the recipient organizations. The total amount an organization can take for a tax credit would not change ($150,000). Neither would the total amount a nonprofit organization is eligible to receive in a given year ($150,000). The state threshold on tax credits remains capped at $5M.

The NAA has been of immense value to nonprofit organizations over the years, supporting such projects as window replacement, weatherization and energy retrofit, relocation expenses, programming for family and youth, day programming for individuals with intellectual disabilities, augmentative communication services, energy and conservation capital improvements and other funding that supports provider infrastructure.

We urge you to support the proposed revision in the NAA.

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