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Testimony of the  
Connecticut Academy of Audiology

Before  
The Legislative Program Review and Investigations Committee

Tuesday, March 13, 2012

H.B. 05497 (RAISED) AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE CONCERNING THE REGULATION OF HEARING INSTRUMENT SPECIALISTS AND AUDIOLOGISTS.

Senator Fonfara, Representative Rowe and distinguished members of the Program Review and Investigations Committee,

The Connecticut Academy of Audiology (CTAA) appreciates the opportunity to provide testimony in support of *The Recommendations of the Legislative Program Review and Investigations Committee Concerning the Regulation of Hearing Instrument Specialists and Audiologists*.

The Connecticut Academy of Audiology, founded in 2005, represents audiologists in the State of Connecticut, who practice in a variety of settings including but not limited to: independent practices, physician practices, hospitals, clinics, rehabilitation clinics, skilled nursing facilities, educational settings, research, and/or industry.

CTAA supports this legislation recommended by the committee which will modify general statutes concerning the regulation of Hearing Instrument Specialists to recognize sections 20-395a to 20-395g under Chapter 397a of Connecticut State Statutes as those regulating Audiologists and the practice of audiology defined in section 20-395a as "including fitting or selling of hearing aids".

CTAA was afforded the opportunity to work with the professional staff of the Legislative Program Review and Investigations Committee, specifically Miriam Kluger who developed the thorough and comprehensive report from which this legislation originated. We appreciate the opportunity to meet with staff members of the committee and provide information to assist in the review process.

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