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Statement of Brian S. Becker
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before the
Appropriations Committee of the Connecticut General Assembly
February 22, 2013
Related to Hospital Reimbursements in
HB 6350 AAC The Budget for the Biennium Ending June 30, 2015, and Other Provisions
Relating to Revenue
in support of
Connecticut Children’s Medical Center

Chairman Harp, Chairman Walker, Ranking Member Kane, Ranking Member Miner, and the other distinguished members of the Appropriations Committee, thank you for taking the time to hear testimony on HB 6350, An Act Concerning the Budget for the Biennium Ending June 30, 2015, and Other Provisions Relating to Revenue.

I am specifically writing on behalf of the Connecticut Children’s Medical Center (“CCMC”). You may find my writing on behalf of CCMC a bit strange since is not a part of my district. CCMC, however, is an extremely important resource for ALL of Connecticut’s children. It has provided world-class care to many of my constituents, including my own sons.

As the only stand-alone children’s hospital in Connecticut, CCMC (unlike any other hospital in the state) receives no funding from the Medicaid Low-Income Adult program. To cut state reimbursements would be extremely detrimental to the hospital and its mission to help our children. Due to its unique status, I think it is important that we hold CCMC harmless from any cuts to hospital reimbursements.

The Governor’s proposed budget does just that. It includes an increase to offset the initial cut. Please keep that funding for CCMC in the final budget.

Thank you.