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Testimony in support of
HB 5568, An Act Concerning Targeted Health Areas

Commerce Committee

March 7, 2013

Sen. LeBeau, Rep. Perone and members of the committee:

The Connecticut Podiatric Medical Association would like to offer comments on House Bill 5568, An Act Concerning Targeted Health Areas.

We fully support the idea of the state's small business express stepping in to assist medical professionals to establish practices in inner-city and underserved areas.

However, the bill as drafted limits this assistance to physicians.

We would request that you extend the bill's provisions to all members of the healing arts profession. This would include Podiatrists.

Starting a practice is a capital intensive endeavor. There is a serious need for additional medical services in many areas of the state. Amending the bill as we suggest would permit more citizens to have access to this vital service.

Thank you.