



Finance, Revenue & Bonding Committee

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SB 842 AN ACT AUTHORIZING AND ADJUSTING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, TRANSPORTATION AND OTHER PURPOSES

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The Connecticut Community Providers Association is pleased to submit testimony in support of Governor's Bill 842, AN ACT AUTHORIZING AND ADJUSTING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, TRANSPORTATION AND OTHER PURPOSES.

CCPA represents community-based nonprofit organizations who serve children, adults and families who are experiencing mental health or substance use disorders, as well as providers who serve those with intellectual and other disabilities. Our provider members are the heart of the safety net.

Senate Bill 842 Authorizes the Office of Policy and Management to make grants-in-aid to private, nonprofit health and human service organizations that are exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code for alterations, renovations, improvements, additions and new construction, including health, safety, compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act and energy conservation improvements, information technology systems, technology for independence and purchase of vehicles. The bill provides \$20 million in bond funds for this purpose in each year of the biennium.

This funding is sorely needed by CCPA member organizations for structural improvements to facilities and for investment in new technology. As many of you know, nonprofit providers are not allowed to maintain a capital reserve fund, so they do not have ready access to funding for these necessary investments. This funding will allow nonprofit providers to make critically needed repairs and improvements to their facilities, benefitting the health and safety of their clients.

CCPA appreciates the opportunity to comment on this important bill.

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