

**The Connecticut Dermatology and Dermatologic Surgery Society**

**Connecticut ENT Society**

**Connecticut Society of Eye Physicians**

**Connecticut Urology Society**

**February 27, 2013**

**In General Law**

**SUPPORTING Testimony**

**SB922 AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONNECTICUT UNFAIR TRADE PRACTICES ACT.**

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On behalf of over 1000 physicians practicing in the medical fields of Dermatology, Ophthalmology, Otolaryngology and urology and our patients we would like to propose an amendment to SB922 AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONNECTICUT UNFAIR TRADE PRACTICES ACT to include changes to the Certificate of Need Statute to omit **Section 19a-638a**, of the general statutes due unfair restriction of trade of Connecticut Physicians .

The medical community has testified in favor of this measure on numerous occasions in the Public Health Committee with regard to the unfairness of the Certificate of Need statute, stating that it limits Connecticut physicians from acquiring new technologies and has prevented established practices from recruiting new physicians because of the restriction of trade.

Section 19a-638a, of the general statutes specifies events that require a Certificate of Need from the Office of Health Care Access of the Connecticut Department of Public Health. Paragraph 4 hones in specifically on "a CT scanner, PET scanner, PET/CT scanner or MRI scanner, cineangiography equipment, a linear accelerator or other similar equipment utilizing technology that is new or being introduced into the state."

We support SB 922 and hope you will consider supporting adding language which will address the law that unfairly restrains healthcare providers trade in Connecticut.

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