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**From:** Mark Thompson <markt@fcma.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 02, 2013 7:15 PM  
**To:** Jud Testimony  
**Subject:** Testimony from Dr. Randy Trowbridge Concerning HB 6687

Respected Members of the Judiciary Committee:

As public servants, it is your responsibility to put forth legislation that is in the best interest of the public. I consider myself a servant of the people and I use all of my abilities to help patients become 'healthier'. Should I fail, or cause harm in doing so and my patient wishes to claim that I should be held liable for their demise, I believe that the vast majority of CT citizens would support the current Certificate of Merit. They would agree to the fairness that the MERIT of the case should be determined with a review by someone from my specialty, and not by a medical professional who doesn't have full understanding of standards of care in my area of medical expertise for evaluation and treatment.

I have posed this question to many of my patients and they ALL agree. I can also say with certainty that, if I was harmed in some way as a result of sub-standard medical care and pursued legal action, I would fully EXPECT that the medical professional reviewing the merit of the case would be of the same specialty that treated me. This is blatantly obvious to everyone I have discussed it with, medical and non-medical, including many attorneys. In fact, there would be no support for a bill that would allow for an attorney specializing in real estate law to review a legal malpractice case involving an attorney specializing in divorce.

Instead of spending time on a proposal that will potentially create more frivolous claims, increase costs, and deter more physicians from practicing in Connecticut, we should be working together on real issues that will HELP our state. I implore you to not move forward Proposed HB 6687.

Sincerely, Randy Trowbridge MD  
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