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JUDICIARY COMMITTEE
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HB 6687, An Act Concerning Certificates Of Merit and
SB 1154, An Act Concerning The Accidental Failure Of Suit Statute

I was appalled and dismayed to see that these 2 bills have been submitted for consideration this session. All the advances that occurred in 2005 will be eradicated if these bills pass. Eliminating the safeguards from 2005 will open the field for hired guns in any specialty to render opinions in certificates of merit even though they have no specialized knowledge of the issue.

Connecticut's safeguards to ensure good faith certificates implemented in 2005 were very laudable but even with those, Connecticut is far from an enlightened state regarding malpractice processes when you compare to many other states. Retreating from the advances in 2005 will place this state at the bottom and change the malpractice climate in the state. If you remember in the 1990's Massachusetts malpractice issues were so bad, physicians were fleeing the state, much less migrating to it.

We need more physicians especially primary care to come to this state to execute the changes in practice and expanded coverage that will be mandated by the coming changes in the health laws. Implementing the contemplated changes in HB 6687 and SB 1154 will help to make physicians think twice about remaining and coming to this state.

The integrity of the malpractice process must be assured. Implementing these poorly thought out bills would be a big mistake.

Thank you for your consideration.

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