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CT DOL Raised Bill No. 6432

**AN ACT CONCERNING HOMEMAKER SERVICES AND
HOMEMAKER COMPANION AGENCIES**

Dear Sirs,

I am voicing my support for the passage of *Raised Bill No. 6432: An Act Concerning Homemaker Services and Homemaker Companion Agencies*.

As a small business owner operating, BrightStar of Stamford, a home health care agency servicing Greenwich, Stamford, Darien and New Canaan, I have to provide care and service to two groups of "customers" – my patients and their families and my caregivers providing quality care.

Misclassification of employees is a grave problem that directly impacts not only my patients and my caregivers but also the general populace in the state of Connecticut. It puts consumers at risk of liability for caregiver injuries and payment of employment-based taxes, it cheats workers of the protection from work-related injury coverage, and fosters the continuance of a underground employment system where no tax revenues are collected.

There have been many instances where caregivers who we hire have told me that they stopped working for registries because they got injured on a case and had to pay all their injury related expenses because worker's compensation insurance was not provided by the registry or the family. Even though they make a little less per hour, it is worth having that protection working as a BrightStar employee.

Whether thru registries or a private individual or family, misclassification of employees needs to stop. I urge you to vote favorably for this bill and look forward to working with the DOL and this committee to move this bill forward.

Sincerely yours,

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