

HB - 5992

**TESTIMONY BEFORE THE PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE
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Susan Maxwell
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Dear Senator Gerratana, Representative Johnson and esteemed members of the Public Health Committee:

My name is Susan Maxwell and I am a member of the Independence Center in Waterbury, CT. I thank you for letting me speak about HB 5992.

I'm very much against having people that I do not want involved in my treatment to be contacted without my permission. I feel like this would be a total violation of my privacy. Laws have been put into place to protect healthcare information, not to be shared with just anyone.

I wonder why this Bill is only meant for those who are diagnosed with mental illness and not all illnesses.

I am a registered voter, I live and work independently in the community and though I love my family, I would like to make my own decisions about my treatments as I have done successfully for decades.