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**Program Review & Investigations Committee
Public Hearing**

Tuesday, March 5, 2013

**Connecticut Association of Health Plans
Testimony Regarding**

**HB 6516 AA Implementing the Recommendations of the Program Review & Investigations
Committee Concerning the Assessment Methodology for Expenditures of the Insurance
Department and the Office of Health Care Access**

The Connecticut Association of Health Plans appreciates the opportunity to provide testimony on HB 6516 and would like to state its appreciation to the Committee for the direction taken with respect to the earlier recommendations under consideration.

While we recognize the concerns raised within the context of this debate, which has taken course over last several years, we cannot endorse any rating methodology change that has an adverse impact to the insurance industry as a whole to the benefit of a single entity or entities - whether that impact raises the potential for retaliatory tax implications or increased assessments across the industry at large. A fair, equitable and predictable assessment mechanism is critically important to fostering a positive business climate for one of the state's largest economic sectors.

We thank you for your consideration.