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Senator Andres Ayala, Co-Chair
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Legislative Regulation Review Committee
State Capitol – Room 011
Hartford, CT 06106

RE: State Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program

Dear Senator Ayala and Representative Noujaim:

Pursuant to subsection (b) of section 4-170 of the Connecticut General Statutes, I am submitting for your approval a proposed regulation regarding the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program. The regulation proposes the adoption of new sections 17b-411-1 to 17b-411-14, inclusive, to the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, and repeal the former State Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program regulations found in sections 17-136d-1 to 17-136d-5, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

The main provisions of the regulation set forth the requirements and policies of the State Office of the Long-Term Care Ombudsman, updated to comply with the Older Americans Act; 42 USC §3058g and sections 17b-400 to 17b-406, inclusive, of the Connecticut General Statutes. In addition, the proposed regulation changes the name of the host agency to the "Department on Aging" as the State Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program has been transferred from the Department of Social Services to the Department on Aging effective January 1, 2013.

Notice of the proposed regulation was published in the Connecticut Law Journal on May 15, 2012. A public hearing was not held; however, written public comments were received by the Department. A copy of the Department's Responses to Public Comment is included in this submission. On January 3, 2013, the Office of the Attorney General approved the proposed regulation as legally sufficient. A copy of the proposed regulation has been submitted to the Office of Fiscal Analysis.

If you or your staff require additional information or clarification concerning this proposed regulation, please contact Nancy Shaffer at 860-424-5238 or Attorney Lara Stauning at 860-424-4837.

Sincerely,

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