



The Connecticut Occupational Therapy Association

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Testimony of Susan Goszewski, President

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Regarding:

Raised S.B. No. 325

AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID RECIPIENTS WITH COMPLEX MEDICAL NEEDS.

Before Human Services Committee

March 4, 2014

Dear Co-Chairs, Ranking Members, and Members of the Human Services Committee:

My name is Susan Goszewski and I am the President of the Connecticut Occupational Therapy Association (ConnOTA). ConnOTA represents Occupational Therapists and Occupational Therapy Assistants practicing in a variety of settings (hospitals, schools, rehab facilities, nursing homes, outpatient facilities, private practice) in nearly every city and town across Connecticut, to comment on Raised SB No. 325

On behalf of ConnOTA, we support the intent of this legislation. The care of these medically complex patients is one that requires diligence and expertise in the delivery of patient care. It is critical that a professionally licensed and skilled Occupational Therapist or other qualified health professional be involved to perform a thorough evaluation as part of the process based upon their own scope of practice. In particular, the Occupational Therapist would be instrumental in ensuring not only that the patient obtains the most appropriate device; but also to ensure proper / adequate training in the use of the device once received to perform activities of daily living.

On behalf of the Connecticut Occupational Therapy Association we look forward to working with you on this issue, and any others as appropriate throughout this session. We are available to assist in the process and answer any questions related to Occupational Therapy that may arise throughout this process.

Respectfully Submitted

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