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Insurance and Real Estate Committee  
Legislative Office Building  
300 Capitol Avenue  
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Regarding: Raised Bill No. 5249  
AN ACT CONCERNING COPAYMENTS FOR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY SERVICES.

Dear Co-Chairs, Ranking Members, and Members of the Insurance and Real Estate Committee:

I have been a licensed occupational therapist in Connecticut for over 20 years. I am writing to request that you pass Raised Bill No. 5249 which will limit the co-pay for occupational therapy service. This is an extension of last year's Public Act No. 13-307 (House Bill 6546), which similarly limited the co-payments for physical therapy services.

Over the years I have seen occupational therapy make important differences in people's lives. One of my favorite memories is working with a young woman who sustained a traumatic brain injury in a car accident which left her unable to use her right arm and resulted in ataxia (shakiness) of her left arm whenever she tried to use it. Prior to the car accident she had been right handed and loved to draw. She believed she would never be able to draw well again and was discouraged, angry and depressed and didn't want to participate in any therapy at all. I was able to work with her to improve the functioning of her left arm to the point that at the end of our therapy sessions she presented me with a fabulous picture she had drawn and which I have in my office to this day. Occupational therapy services not only enabled this young woman to regain a valued skill, it changed her outlook about therapy and her own capabilities.

**Please support Raised Bill No. 5249**

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



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