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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:

My name is Brittany Ferri. I am an occupational therapy student at Quinnipiac University. I am writing to express my support for Raised Bill No. 5249. This bill is similar to the Public Act No. 13-307 (House Bill 6546) from last year which limited the amount of co-payments received for physical therapy services.

Those studying occupational therapy must gain expertise in a wide range of skills before they can be considered fit to be licensed and registered. These skills include the many diagnoses/injuries our clients can present with from birth to death, the ability to evaluate any client regardless of the setting or background they take with them, to pinpoint and address possible psychosocial issues in those clients who are being seen for physical disabilities/injuries, to treat with a holistic point of view that allows us to plan interventions addressing several areas that are needed to become functional in their daily lives, and more. By working with the environment and the client to adapt and modify the world around them, and/or remediate their own skills, occupational therapists truly prepare individuals to return to their daily lives and continue functioning in the roles they assumed before coming to us.

Once again, I request that you support this legislation and all the individuals it will help treat.

I appreciate you taking the time to read this. If you need to contact me, my information is below.

Sincerely,

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