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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 am an occupational therapy assistant employed by Hartford Healthcare Rehabilitation Network. Occupational therapy is a vital piece in the puzzle of getting people back on their feet so that they can function at their best. The services of OT's at the acute level right through to home care can make a big difference in the patient's ability to get independent more quickly and to stay that way. Raised Bill No. 5249 should be passed which would be an extension of last year's Public Act No. 13-307 (House Bill 6546), which similarly limited the co-payments for physical therapy services.

OT's and PT's have long worked together in medical settings, supported each other as they support the client. Their roles are different but intertwined with each other – each working to support the client and their ability to function. **Co-payments should be the same.**

Please support our patients and their ability to access what is best for them by supporting this legislation. It will benefit the healthcare system in our state as a whole.

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Sincerely,

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