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**Testimony of Carl Mailhot
Chair, Public Policy Committee
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**in support of
H.B. No. 5249(RAISED)
AN ACT CONCERNING COPAYMENTS FOR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY SERVICES.**

**Before the Joint Committee on Insurance & Real Estate
February 25, 2014**

Chairperson Crisco, Chairperson Megna, Members of the Insurance & Real Estate Committee. My name is Carl Mailhot and I am the Chairman of the Public Policy Committee of the Connecticut Physical Therapy Association. I am a physical therapist and the Executive Director of the Eastern Connecticut Rehabilitation Centers (ECRC) Physical Therapy with four offices in Windham and New London counties.

I am submitting testimony today on behalf of the CPTA in support of H.B. No. 5249 (RAISED) **AN ACT CONCERNING COPAYMENTS FOR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY SERVICES**, to address excessive consumer copays for occupational therapy visits.

During last year's session, the Connecticut Physical Therapy Association successfully advocated for a similar bill for physical therapists. Given that the challenges faced by consumers attempting to utilize OT services is identical to those attempting to utilize PT services, we believe it is sound public policy to incorporate OTs into the statute which takes affect on January 1, 2015.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact CPTA lobbyist Mike Dugan or CPTA Executive Director Jim Leahy.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.