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**Support for Raised Bill No. 197: AN ACT DECREASING THE TIME FRAMES FOR URGENT CARE ADVERSE DETERMINATION REVIEWS**

Dear Members of the Committee on Insurance and Real Estate:

My name is Dr. Barbara S. Bunk and I am writing as President of the Connecticut Psychological Association, in support of Raised Bill No. 197: *AN ACT DECREASING THE TIME FRAMES FOR URGENT CARE ADVERSE DETERMINATION REVIEW REQUESTS*.

There is no doubt that this bill will benefit patients. Decreasing the time frame for urgent care adverse determination reviews from 72 to 24 hours will streamline the provision of healthcare in a small way that can make a big difference to a patient's recovery. In mental health, for example, a timely response to requests for more intense or extended care can insure the continuity of treatment that is often essential to the long-term well being of the individual as well as his or her family.

The Connecticut Psychological Association urges you to support Raised Bill No. 197: *AN ACT DECREASING THE TIME FRAMES FOR URGENT CARE ADVERSE DETERMINATION REVIEW REQUESTS*.

Thank you.

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