



**Testimony to the Judiciary Committee**

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**Requesting Clarification for**

**SB 492, An Act Concerning the Reporting of Suspected Child Abuse by Persons Who are Directors, Officers or Employees of Nonprofit Corporations**

LeadingAge Connecticut is a membership association representing over 130 not-for-profit provider organizations serving older adults across the continuum of long term care, services and supports and including non-profit nursing homes and senior housing.

LeadingAge Connecticut appreciates the stated intent of Senate Bill 492 which is to require any director, officer or employee of a nonprofit corporation to report any act of suspected child abuse or neglect committed by any person acting on behalf of such corporation. However, we believe that the bill as written could be read to place a much broader legal reporting obligation on such directors, officers and employees. While every person has a moral obligation to report suspected cases of child abuse, we would respectfully request that this new legal mandate clearly specify within lines 28 – 36 that all the listed suspicious behavior that is required to be reported involves a person acting on behalf of the nonprofit corporation. The bill as written could be interpreted to read that only the third behavior applies to such a person.

Thank you for this opportunity to submit our comments. Please let me know if we can be of any assistance to the Committee as you review this proposal.

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