

To the Members of the Public Health Committee:

HB 5542 is deficient and needs to include Recommendation 5 of the CT EMS Primary Service Area task force report. The reason for this recommendation is to provide a municipality the petition for a change in their designated EMS providers. The current PSA system is essentially a monopoly. Monopolies are not good government. It should be the role of the municipality to select their provider. Recommendation #5 does not offer any guarantees of a change of EMS provider, it simply offers a municipality, which believes that their community can better served by a different EMS provider, the opportunity to make their case for a change of EMS Provider.

Sincerely,

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