

Testimony in Support of Raised Bill #414
Connecticut Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Society

AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S RECOMMENDATION REGARDING
MEDICAL ORDERS FOR LIFE SUSTAINING TREATMENT

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Concerning the Raised Bill No. 413, an Act Concerning the Department of Public Health's Recommendations Regarding Medical Orders for Life Sustaining Treatment (MOLST) receives full support from the Connecticut Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Society (CTAPRNS). This bill is in the best interest of the citizens of Connecticut and will impact all of them at some time in their life. The ability to pilot this program for potential use in the entire state will allow Connecticut to align with other New England states in End-of-Life care.

A goal of this bill is to educate all providers, APRN, MD, & PA, to have a conversation regarding the patient's wishes at end of life. This is patient centric conversation with the aim of documenting and implementing the patient wishes in a way that can be carried out by all medical personnel. This is a conversation that should be started prior to the patient's condition becoming a crisis, as well as it is a conversation that is ongoing. This bill and the pilot program it outlines will encourage that conversation to take place with the patient Primary Care Provider, the person the patient has an established relationship.

Connecticut Advanced Practice Registered Nurse Society supports Raised Bill #413 and encourages the Public Health Committee advance this bill to the full legislature.

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