

Testimony of Gregory B. Allard, Vice President  
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Senator Gerratana, Representative Johnson and distinguished members of the Public Health Committee.

My name is Greg Allard and I am the Vice President of American Ambulance Service, Inc. located in Norwich, CT and of the Association of CT Ambulance Providers.

The Association of CT Ambulance Providers includes companies that provide emergency medical services to approximately 200,000 patients annually. Our membership provides care in over 35 municipalities and offers mutual aid to an additional 50 municipalities. These urban and suburban municipalities include areas such as East Hartford, Hartford, Manchester, Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation, Middletown, Meriden, Waterbury and Torrington. The estimated population served is over 800,000. Our mobile integrated healthcare team has a network of 136 ambulances and approximately 1600 professionals that we employ. In addition to the patient care we provide we are all very active in our communities.

My testimony today is in favor of ***Raised Bill No. 413, An Act Concerning the Department of Public Health's Recommendations Regarding Medical Orders for Life-Sustaining Treatment (MOLST).***

The Association of CT Ambulance Providers supports the idea of a pilot program like this in the State of Connecticut. We are surrounded by states that have instituted the MOLST program years ago. Our current DNR system is very cumbersome and in our opinion underutilized as a result. If CT adopts the MOLST program it makes it easier for us when we cross state lines into Massachusetts, New York and Rhode Island. It will also be beneficial to out-of-state patients in CT. Right now EMS providers don't recognize these medical orders. This can be confusing to the patient, their family and the EMS professional. The last thing we want to do as a patient care provider is add to the stress of an already difficult situation. Although these points are brief we think they are worthwhile and again we encourage you to support this bill.

In closing I'd like to add that any member of the Association of CT Ambulance Providers would welcome the opportunity to be an active participant in the pilot program.

Respectfully submitted,

Gregory B. Allard