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Senator Gerratana and Representative Johnson and members of the Public Health committee thank you for holding this public hearing and on behalf of the over 200,000 working men and women of the Connecticut AFL-CIO I offer the following testimony in support of S.B. No. 460 An Act Concerning Hospital Conversions And Other Matters Affecting Hospitals.

I've been asked why this bill didn't originate in the General Assembly's Commerce committee after all this about business and profits. But like you we believe the real impact is to the public's health. Hospitals are a critical piece to any community puzzle. As important as schools, crime rates, and infrastructure. That's why the bill before you is so important to every person across the Nutmeg state.

By empowering the Attorney General's office and implementing serious transparency measures we believe any future conversions will be conducted with first and foremost the good of the public. We also believe it sets a tone for any for-profit entity with eyes on Connecticut wishing to make a quick buck that you should take your snake oil elsewhere.

Connecticut has long been known as the land of steady habits and for good reason. If we get caught up in the furor of for-profit just because everyone else is doing it without regard for our communities then we are not doing our due diligence and this is not an issue where speed wins the game.

Transparency, accountability and respect for our communities' needs are vital when it comes to the public's health. Thank you for your effort to ensure our health system remains focus on the public even in a for-profit system.