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My name is Richard Usifer, and I am the Vice-President of the Connecticut Hearing Aid Dispenser's Organization (CHADO). We represent hearing instrument specialists across the State and are the only organization in Connecticut representing our specialty.

I am writing to express my support of Raised Bill #5537, **An Act Concerning The Department Of Public Health's Recommendations Regarding Various Revisions To The Public Health Statutes**. In particular, I urge the Committee to retain the language in Section 48, which concerns Continuing Education for Hearing Instrument Specialists.

Section 48 fixes an error in Section 20-402 regarding the name of the continuing education (CE) certifying body for Hearing Instrument Specialists. This fix will eliminate any confusion about whether our CE credits are acceptable to DPH.

I thank the Committee very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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