



Testimony of William Campion

Public Health Committee

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Senator Gerratana, Representative Johnson, and distinguished members of the Public Health Committee.

My name is William Campion and I am President and CEO of Campion Ambulance Service Inc. and a member of the Association of Connecticut Ambulance Providers (ACAP). I am here today to speak in support of Raised Bill No. 5542, An Act Concerning the Recommendations of the Connecticut Emergency Medical Services Primary Service Area Task Force.

The recommendations of the Task Force focus upon the insistence that each municipal entity engage its' Emergency Medical Service provider in an accountable manner to develop a plan that addresses the areas of response time accountability, quality patient care, resource availability and capability, and the recognition of capability as related to a regional utilization of resources.

Furthermore, the Task Force has identified objective standards and definitions as related to "emergency" and "unsatisfactory" performance such as to objectively measure the performance of a municipality's Primary Service Area Responder. These standards serve as a powerful tool to maintain accountability from any Emergency Medical Service Provider. In addition these standards serve as an objective foundation for the purpose of initiation for the petition of a disciplinary action from the Department of Public Health.

These recommendations build and strengthen existing regulations and statutes (P.A. 00-151) which have been determined to be underutilized and not fully implemented. The recommendations of HB 5542 as proposed, serve to build upon the existing statute and regulation without the burden of creating additional mandates or requirements as related to assuring the accountability and quality of the delivery of Emergency Medical Services within a community.

As the provision of Emergency Medical Services continues to evolve and change in accordance with the overall evolution of healthcare it is of paramount importance that each municipality engage its' Emergency Medical Services provider in an open, accountable, and collaborative manner to determine what is the most quality, cost effective and acceptable level of provision of services desired by the citizens of each community.

As a provider of Emergency Medical Services in multiple communities I welcome the opportunity to engage in the collaborative planning and discussion of the provision of quality, cost effective, performance driven service to the communities which I serve.

I would respectfully encourage and request your support of HB 5542 as written without the addition of any amendments.

Respectfully Submitted,

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