

**TESTIMONY SUBMITTED**  
**BY STAMFORD HOSPITAL**  
**TO THE**  
**PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE**  
**REGARDING: HB 460, AN ACT CONCERNING HOSPITAL CONVERSIONS AND**  
**OTHER MATTERS AFFECTING HOSPITALS, AND HB 5571, AN ACT**  
**CONCERNING CERTIFICATE OF NEED REQUIREMENTS, HOSPITAL**  
**CONVERSIONS AND MEDICAL FOUNDATIONS**

Stamford Hospital appreciates the opportunity to provide testimony regarding HB 460 and HB 5571, both of which significantly increase the statutory process regulating hospital conversions, and will subject certain transactions involving only not-for-profit hospitals and health systems to a burdensome regulatory review and approval process.

The State of Connecticut already has hospital conversion laws and a strong Certificate of Need process to which hospitals have been subject for years. The current regulatory environment preserves patient access, safety, and quality of care while allowing hospitals flexibility to meet their changing needs.

SB 460 significantly increases the regulatory requirements, both with the Department of Public Health and Attorney General, and as drafted creates an overly burdensome regulatory environment that will prevent hospitals and healthcare systems from creating strategic partners to adapt and grow in this new and rapidly-changing healthcare environment.

Stamford Hospital opposes both HB 460 and HB 5257, and respectfully urges the Public Health Committee to reject such far-reaching changes to the current laws.

