

TESTIMONY
BEFORE THE
PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE
LEGISLATIVE OFFICE BUILDING
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My name is Jennifer Herz and I am Assistant Counsel for the Connecticut Business & Industry Association (CBIA). CBIA represents approximately 10,000 businesses throughout Connecticut and the vast majority of these are small companies employing less than 50 people.

CBIA opposes **HB 5529 An Act Concerning the Definition of Medical Necessity** because it will have a negative impact on the quality of our healthcare system.

Specifically, CBIA is concerned because this bill would modify the definition of “medical necessity” to remove the reference to standards “based on credible scientific evidence published in peer-reviewed medical literature”. The elimination of this element of the medical necessity definition will decrease the high quality we have come to expect from our medical providers.

A top concern for Connecticut’s employers is keeping our workforce healthy and in doing so making sure consumers have access to the best quality care. A high standard of care in Connecticut is key to achieving the best healthcare outcomes for our state. CBIA is dedicated to increasing the quality of care while decreasing cost and therefore opposes HB 5529.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer CBIA’s comments.