

Peter MacKay, The Roseland

RE: Section 15 HB 5537- An act concerning the Department of Health's recommendations regarding various revisions to the public health statutes.

Public Health Committee, March 14, 2014

Senator Gerratana, Representative Johnson and members of the Public Health Committee, my name is Peter C. MacKay, I am the owner and Administrator of The Roseland, a Residential Care home in Brooklyn, Ct. I am also the Treasurer of CARCH, the Connecticut Association of Residential Care Homes. I am here to testify in opposition to Section 15 of HB 5537.

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This bill would require us to write a discharge plan explaining the Residents social or emotional requirements and make decisions as to what type of facility the Resident is appropriate for.

These duties are the responsibility of the Resident's case worker, Doctor, or Counselor/Therapist. All of which are trained professionals and none of which have job descriptions that are within the realm of our abilities. We do not have any of these Professionals on our staff and the State is very clear about us not being allowed to do so to help keep the cost associated with our facilities down.

Our responsibility is to provide a clean and safe environment of room and board, with general housekeeping and meals included. We do not have any training or expertise in psychological analysis. It would be totally inappropriate for a Resident's landlord or housekeeper to be making decisions on his or her mental or psychological status. This in essence is what section 15 of HB 5537 is asking us to do.

We currently do however, provide a list of area housing and assist the Resident in filling out applications where needed. We also, make the Resident's medication list and other pertinent medical information available upon the Resident signing the appropriate release. We already are assisting the Residents when they wish to move to a different facility or geographical area. This additional "discharge plan" is not appropriate for facilities at our level of care. We are NOT medical facilities.

Thank You all for taking the time to hear my concerns.

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