Monday, February 23, 2015
Public Hearing Testimony
Government Administration and Elections Committee

Dear Senator Cassano, Representative Jutila, Senator McLachlan, Representative Smith, and members of the Government Administration and Elections Committee,

My name is Tami Zawistowski and I represent the 61st District which includes Suffield, East Granby, and Windsor. Thank you for the opportunity to appear before you and speak on HB 5793.

HB 5793: AN ACT ESTABLISHING SAFE HAVEN DAY.

I am requesting support for HB 5793 which would establish Safe Haven Day to expand awareness of Safe Haven Laws in Connecticut. The Safe Haven Laws provide a safe way for a parent to leave a child in the care of designated hospital personnel rather than abandoning the child in an unsafe situation. Though these laws exist, their success depends upon individuals, especially young women, being fully aware of what protections they have available to them.

We have the opportunity to save the lives of our most vulnerable population, who die unnecessarily in many cases because of fear and lack of resources and knowledge.

I urge you to support HB 5793 along with me, and so many others who see the importance of this issue.

Sincerely,

Representative Tami Zawistowski
61st District – Suffield, East Granby, Windsor