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**Re: Testimony in SUPPORT of HB 6947, AAC State Contracts for Human Services**

Senator Moore, Representative Abercrombie, Members of the Human Services Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony today in support of H.B. 6947, AAC State Contracts for Human Services. My name is Louise DiCocco, and I am Assistant Counsel at the Connecticut Business & Industry Association (CBIA), which represents more than 10,000 large and small companies throughout the state of Connecticut.

H.B. 6947 would require the secretary, within available appropriations, to establish uniform and adequate reimbursement for private providers of health and human services entering into contracts with state agencies based on the actual cost of providing the services. The cost of delivering services certainly continues to increase along with these organization's workers' and unemployment compensation costs and employee healthcare and benefits.

We support this bill (within available appropriations) as it will help these providers ensure critical services to our most vulnerable citizens are provided in a manner that is accessible and affordable while maintaining a high standard of quality.

Thank you for your consideration.