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Connecticut Association of Residential Care Homes

in opposition to

H.B. No. 6887 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE PROTECTION OF RESIDENTS IN HEALTH CARE INSTITUTIONS.

Public Health Committee, March 18, 2015

Senator Gerratana, Representative Ritter and members of the Public Health Committee, my name is Peter MacKay, I am owner/administrator of The Roseland Management Group LLC. in Brooklyn and a board member and the Treasurer of CARCH, (Connecticut Association of Residential Care Homes.) I am writing today to testify against House Bill 6887- AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE PROTECTION OF RESIDENTS IN HEALTH CARE INSTITUTIONS.

This bill is in essence the same bill that was submitted last year only under a different name. A name this time that sounds as if the Resident's are in need of protection in RCH's. The truth is, this bill does little if anything to protect the actual people that are being abused and it actually makes it harder for the RCH to perform its duties and responsibilities. There is NO history of an RCH evicting a resident in good standing. We run a facility that now more than ever needs every penny to survive. This bill is under the assumption that a home would remove a resident for no particular reason and makes it extremely hard to remove violent and disruptive people.

It takes in the needs and concerns of disruptive and abusive residents' rights and does NOTHING to help protect the rights of the people that are forced to live with this person while the abusive resident comes in and out of the home using controlled substances, threatening behaviors and abusive practices. This bill makes it harder for us to remove these abusive people and makes it so that the mentally disabled or elderly person is continually faced with abusive cohabiters because the State is more concerned with the abusers rights than the right of the abused. The RCHs have NO interest in removing a good, stable, quality resident.

Also, the same language that was used in last year's bill requiring us to provide comments and suggestions as to what type of facility or placement would be appropriate is unacceptable. We are NOT trained Psychologists, Therapists or even counselors. We are in essence here to provide supervision and it is not appropriate for us to speak to anyone's mental state. We are not qualified to do so. Making comments to someone's abilities or mental state would do nothing but open us to lawsuits.

I ask that you not act on HB 6887. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Peter C. MacKay

The Administrator

The Roseland Management Group, LLC.