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**Human Services Committee Public Hearing**  
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**Testimony in Support of**  
**H.B.5358 An Act Establishing a Bill of Rights for Residents of Continuing-Care Retirement Communities.**

Senator Moore, Representative Abercrombie and distinguished members of the Human Services Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony on H.B.5358 *An Act Establishing a Bill of Rights for Residents of Continuing-Care Retirement Communities.*

My name is Cecilia Malin. My husband and I moved to a continuing care retirement community, a CCRC, in 2003, anticipating that someday we would face some decline or health problems. We share a very secure feeling to know that while we live in independent living - and hope to do so for many years - both assisted living and skilled nursing facilities are available on our Ashlar Village campus. However, while there are basic rights for assisted living and skilled nursing facilities, there aren't any for independent living.

Our statewide organization, the Connecticut Continuing Care Residents Association, popularly called ConnCCRA, found that among the 17 CCRCs in Connecticut there are different practices, which brought to light the need for a "bill of rights" for independent living to establish a baseline of what any resident or potential new resident should be able to expect as standard practice in this state. We would very much like to see this discussed and enacted to further strengthen and support both CCRC residents and the CCRCs themselves.

Thank you, Senator Moore, Representative Abercrombie and Committee members for the opportunity to present testimony.