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My name is Jennifer Herz and I am Assistant Counsel for the Connecticut Business & Industry Association (CBIA). CBIA has been representing Connecticut's employers for 200 years and today is proud to say the vast majority of our members are small companies employing less than 50 people.

CBIA submits this testimony in support of the concepts in **HB 5814 An Act Concerning a Study of Medicaid Home Health Rates** and **HB 5827 An Act Concerning Medicaid-Funded Home Health Care**.

CBIA supports these bills because they will support the transition to home care from institutionalize care, when appropriate. Transitioning from nursing care to home care is a win-win for the state since most people prefer to stay in their homes and it's less expensive. In particular, these bills will provide more appropriate client placement and increased options. These proposals have the potential to save the state money in the long term since home care is less costly than nursing homes.

CBIA supports changes to long term health care as we discussed in the report "Turning the Tide": http://cbia.com/govaff/pdf/2013/TurningTheTide.pdf (pg 12).

Thank you for the opportunity to submit CBIA's comments.