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**Memorandum:**

TO: Insurance and Real Estate Committee

FROM: Acting Commissioner Miriam Delphin-Rittmon Ph.D

DATE: March 17, 2015

SUBJECT: Written Testimony on Senate Bill 1085

Good afternoon Sen. Crisco, Rep. Megna and distinguished members of the Insurance and Real Estate Committee. I am Miriam Delphin-Rittmon, Acting Commissioner of the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services and I am submitting this testimony regarding **SB 1085 AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE FOR MENTAL OR NERVOUS CONDITIONS**

SB 1085 would have private health insurance provide coverage for services that are crucial to person with behavioral health disorders and that are currently covered by Medicaid. While the Department applauds the Committee's decision to address this issue, we have some concerns about the bill.

We have been informed by the Connecticut Insurance Department that this requirement would be considered a "mandate" and therefore pose a significant cost to the state. As we are not experts in the field of Insurance, we respectfully ask that the Committee carefully contemplates the position of the Insurance Department while considering this legislation.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.