



Testimony of Kimberly A. Lumia
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Submitted to the Appropriations Committee

HB 5325, AN ACT CONCERNING COMMUNITY HEALTH NEEDS
ASSESSMENTS AND FOR PROFIT HOSPITALS

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Good afternoon, Senator Gerratana, Representative Ritter, and distinguished members of the Public Health Committee. My name is Kimberly Lumia; President & Chief Executive Officer of Sharon Hospital in Sharon, Connecticut – still the only tax paying for profit hospital in the State of Connecticut.

I present this testimony in opposition to House Bill 5325, An Act Concerning Community Health Needs Assessments and For Profit Hospitals. During the summer of 2014, The Foundation for Community Health (FCH), which was created with the proceeds from the sale of Sharon Hospital and the conversion to a for profit status, conducted a Community Needs Assessment of the communities within our service area.

Sharon Hospital assisted the FCH in getting the survey into the hands of providers and organizations within our communities. By distributing the packets, Sharon Hospital was able to ensure that a wide representative sample of constituents were able to participate in the Community Needs Assessment.

The final report was presented to us in January 2015. The leadership of the FCH and Sharon Hospital met on January 28th, 2015, together with the FCH board, and Sharon Hospital's Governing and Advisory Boards. The two teams discussed the findings and opportunities for the current and future needs of our patients within our communities. This effort collaboratively allows us to best utilize resources and to obtain comprehensive data instead of both entities conducting the same assessment. Therefore, we oppose the passing of this bill.

Thank you for your commitment to our patients and their families.

I am pleased to answer any questions that you may have and I may be reached at 860.364.4012.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kim Lumia". The signature is written in black ink on a white background.

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