



**Testimony to the Public Committee**

**Submitted by Mag Morelli, President of LeadingAge Connecticut**

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**Regarding**

**House Bill 5913, An Act Concerning Persons Who Decontaminate Reusable Medical Instruments or Devices**

[LeadingAge Connecticut](#) is a statewide membership organization representing not-for-profit provider organizations serving older adults across the continuum of aging services, including not-for-profit skilled nursing facilities, residential care homes, home health care agencies, hospice agencies, adult day centers, assisted living agencies, senior housing and continuing care retirement communities. On behalf of LeadingAge Connecticut I am pleased to submit the following testimony to the Public Health Committee on House Bill 5913, *An Act Concerning Persons Who Decontaminate Reusable Medical Instruments or Devices*.

LeadingAge Connecticut cannot support this bill as drafted. Our comments on the proposal are limited due to the brief description of the mandate contained in the bill, but because the terms used in the proposal could be interpreted very broadly, we believe they may impact post-acute and long term care facilities serving older adults. We also do not know what the mandated requirements would be and therefore cannot provide comments on that aspect of the proposal at this time. However, because we feel that this concept may impact post-acute and long term care facilities, we would be interested in discussing the proposal further if the Committee chooses to move forward with the concept.

Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony on this issue. Please consider us to be a resource to you as you consider this and other issues related to aging services.

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