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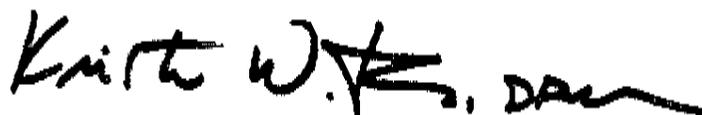
RE: An act establishing an advisory counsel on rare diseases

Chairman Ritter, Chairman Gerratana and members of the public health committee,

As a podiatric physician and surgeon, the development of a rare disease advisory counsel in Connecticut would be very beneficial for helping patients with unique and rare conditions to be directed for appropriate and complete care. Often times these patients have a delay in care from a specialist in which they may need to better serve their medical needs. In order to provide complete medical care, expeditious referral is of most importance. The formation of a formal committee in order to help facilitate receiving this specialized care would be extraordinarily beneficial to our patients and our community.

As medicine is very challenging and rewarding, it is continuously changing and evolving as we understand more about the conditions we treat. Providing excellent care is in direct relation to providing appropriate referrals for our patients that need it.

Any questions please don't hesitate to make contact with me.



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