



**Testimony to the Public Committee**

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

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**Regarding**

**Senate Bill 73, An Act Concerning Medical Records**

[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 Senate Bill 73, *An Act Concerning Medical Records*.

LeadingAge Connecticut cannot support this bill as drafted as we are concerned that the statute does not recognize the federal HIPAA regulations and would create misperception regarding the appropriate release of private health information. We also question the necessity of amending the current statutes.

Mandating the release of private health information through state law without referencing applicable HIPAA provisions may mislead providers into believing that they are in full compliance if they simply adhere to the state requirement. This is not the case and can lead to harmful results.

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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