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**Public Health Committee Public Hearing**

**Wednesday, March 11, 2015**

**Connecticut Association of Health Plans**

**Testimony in Opposition to**

**SB 249 AN ACT CONCERNING DISPUTES BETWEEN HOSPITALS AND INSURERS**

The Connecticut Association of Health Plans respectfully urges the Committee's rejection of SB 249 An Act Concerning Disputes Between Hospitals And Insurers.

While we appreciate the intent of the bill, passage of SB 249 will likely result in prolonged conflict as opposed to quicker resolution. Contract negotiations often commence when a provider issues a termination notice to a payer as is their right under contract. At that point, it's in the interest of both parties to come to agreement as quickly as possible. Establishing an artificial timeline by virtue of binding arbitration for discussions will only back up the process.

SB 249, like SB 994 which requires an extension of the current contract arrangement past the termination date, run counter to achieving expeditious settlements between payers and providers and we urge your rejection.

Many thanks for your consideration.