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**TESTIMONY RE: SB. NO. 467 An Act Concerning The Facilitation of Telemedicine**

Public Health Committee  
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Good Day, Senator Gerrantana, Representative Ritter and members of the Public Health Committee.

Thank-you for the opportunity to provide testimony on behalf of the Connecticut Nurses' Association (CNA), the professional organization for registered nurses in Connecticut, for **SB. NO.467 An Act Concerning The Facilitation of Telemedicine**. I am Mary Jane Williams Ph.D., RN current chairperson of Government Relations Committee for the Connecticut Nurses Association and professor emeritus from Central Connecticut State University.

I speak in support of **SB. NO. 467 An Act Concerning The Facilitation of Telemedicine.**

"Telemedicine" refers to the use of electronic communication and information technologies to provide or support clinical care at a distance. More broadly speaking, the term "telehealth" is often used to refer to a diverse group of health-related activities, such as health professional's education, community health education, public health, research, and administration of health services. According to the American Nurses Association the "Tenth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, each state is empowered to establish laws to protect the citizens of the respective state." "A component of this "public protection" mandate is the state responsibility for

establishing standards for health care professionals who provide services for citizens of that state.”

Therefore, I speak in support of **SB. NO. 467 An Act Concerning The Facilitation of Telemedicine and** look forward to the development of Standards of practice at the State level that will support the practice of Telemedicine. However, I recommend that an “Advisory Committee” be set up to deal with the issue of establishing Standards of Practice utilizing the available resources and research to establish a sound set of standards for the health care professionals who are and will be involved in the provision of health care via electronic technology.

Thank you

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