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**Public Health Committee Public Hearing**

**Wednesday, March 18, 2015**

**Connecticut Association of Health Plans**

**Testimony in Opposition to**

**SB 994 AAC CONTRACT DISPUTES BETWEEN HOSPITALS AND INSURERS**

The Connecticut Association of Health Plans respectfully urges the Committee's rejection of SB 994 AAC Contract Disputes Between Hospitals and Insurers.

While we appreciate the intent of the bill, passage of SB 994 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 timetable for discussions will only back up the process.

SB 994, like SB 249 which requires binding arbitration, run counter to achieving expeditious settlements between payers and providers and we urge your rejection.

Many thanks for your consideration.