



Testimony to the Banking Committee

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Opposing

House Bill 5571, An Act Concerning Consumer Collection Agencies and Debt Collection Actions

LeadingAge Connecticut is a statewide membership organization representing not-for-profit provider organizations serving older adults across the continuum of long term care, services and supports and including not-for-profit skilled nursing facilities, residential care homes, home health care agencies, hospice agencies, adult day centers, assisted living communities, senior housing and continuing care retirement communities.

On behalf of LeadingAge Connecticut, I would like to submit the following testimony in opposition to House Bill 5571, An Act Concerning Consumer Collection Agencies and Debt Collection Actions.

This bill creates unnecessary and unduly burdensome requirements for skilled nursing facilities seeking to collect debts both informally and through formal court actions. We believe that the existing debt collection statute already contains sufficient protections and the information that this bill requires can already be compelled through the litigation discovery process.

We want to thank the Committee for this opportunity to submit comments on this proposal.

Respectfully submitted,

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