

**Written Testimony of the Connecticut Orthopaedic Society**

**Opposing Senate Bill 247, AAC A Cause of Action for Loss of Consortium By A Minor Child With Respect to the Death of a Parent**

**Joint Committee on Judiciary – February 29, 2016**

Senator Coleman, Representative Tong and distinguished Members of the Joint Committee on Judiciary, on behalf of the more than 200 orthopaedic surgeons of the Connecticut Orthopaedic Society, thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in opposition of **Senate Bill 247, AAC A Cause of Action For Loss of Consortium By A Minor Child With Respect to the Death Of a Parent.**

The legislative response, seeking to codify the recent Connecticut Supreme Court Ruling (Campos v. Coleman, SC 19195), is an unnecessary bill that will greatly expand the narrow judicial definition in the case, which restricted both the ability to bring suit and the right to recovery.

The legislative expansion would result in overburdening the judicial system, increase the defense costs due to more complex litigation and have an overall negative impact on the medical profession by increasing medical liability premium rates due to larger verdicts possibly being awarded to the plaintiff (child).

The orthopaedic surgeons urge this Committee to carefully weigh the negative impact this legislation will have on the current medical liability environment here in our State and allow the judiciary to continue to interpret loss of consortium by opposing this bill as unnecessary due to the precedent set by the recent ruling of the State's Supreme Court.

Thank you.

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