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**STATEMENT OF VINCENT G. CAPECE, JR.**  
**IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL NO. 5506**

I am the President and Chief Executive Officer of Middlesex Hospital located in Middletown, Connecticut. Several years ago, two Connecticut hospitals brought an action to the Connecticut Supreme Court regarding the proper interpretation of the workers' compensation law as it related to hospital bills.

After many years of litigation, in March of 2015, the Connecticut Supreme Court ruled unanimously in favor of the hospitals.

These cases represented test cases and were to control the outcome in several thousand cases pending before the Workers' Compensation Commission on behalf of a number of Connecticut hospitals, including Middlesex Hospital.

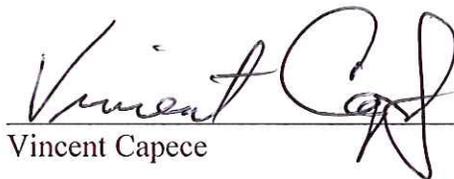
In June of 2015, in Public Act 15-5 §459, the implementer bill, a provision was included which some argue was intended to overrule the Supreme Court decision and to apply to the many cases pending before the Workers' Compensation Commission.

This action was taken without any input or even knowledge of our Hospital that it was taking place.

If this implementer provision is allowed to stand, it may require the Workers' Compensation Commission to hold hearings in several thousand pending cases, and lead to further litigation in the courts.

We hope that the General Assembly will make clear that it did not intend to overrule the Supreme Court's decision.

Dated at Middletown, Connecticut, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2016.

  
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