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H.B. 5211, An Act Concerning Certificates of Need

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony on behalf of the Judicial Branch regarding **H.B. 5211, *An Act Concerning Certificates of Need***.

The Branch is concerned with language in Section 5 of the bill, on line 210, which would allow “any individual representing an entity with five or more people” to file an appeal from a certificate of need decision in Superior Court. This provision appears to implicate both statutory and Practice Book provisions pertaining to the unauthorized practice of law. As such, the Judicial Branch respectfully requests that this language be stricken from the bill, or amended to comport with existing Connecticut law.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony on this bill.