

To: Senator Beth Bye, Chair and Members of the Appropriations Committee.
From: Carolyn Wysocki, CABOH Leadership Council Chair
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My name is Carolyn Wysocki and as Chair of the CABOH Leadership Council I thank the Public Health Committee for the opportunity to provide testimony regarding the Governors HB BILL No 5044

Connecticut Association of Boards of Health (CABOH) is a fairly new organization which was established in 2012 as a section of the Connecticut Public Health Association (CPHA). We are designed to provide opportunities for networking among local boards, orientation and training specific to local BOH roles /responsibilities, and a platform for advocacy on important public health issues such as HB 5044

CABOH is extremely concerned about this proposed legislation which would reduce the amount of funding to Local and District Health Departments for the second year in a row by some \$500,00 and may put in jeopardy several public health programs and services.

Sufficient funding helps to keep us in a position to inspect restaurants, pools, motels, water, and septic tanks as noted in the state public health code. In addition we provide emergency preparedness, lead poisoning, flu vaccine clinics, dental care for seniors and wellness programs. All of which and more are included in providing the 10 Essential Services of Public Health and towards meeting the Public Health Standards as Noted in the Accreditation Process of PHAB.

As an advocate for Public Health and in promoting and protecting the health of our communities, CABOH is also very concerned about the impact of these continuous cuts in per capita on emerging issues such as health effects of climate change, Zika virus and the impact of social determinants on health.

Please contact me at 860-828-4200 if you have any questions about CABOH, Boards of Health or other Public Health issues.