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To all those in the CT Legislature that are considering the passage of HB 5943 to alleviate the unnecessary double taxation of Ambulatory Surgery Centers here in the state, let me just say that I support the passage of this measure with my heart, body, and soul! Twice now, I have been the fortunate beneficiary of the remarkably high standards of care and service that these centers provide for our citizens in need of elective or necessary orthopedic surgeries. Both of my knees have required restorative surgery in the past decade due to unforeseen accidents, and my surgeon John Fulkerson, performed the miraculous repairs at an ASC in Rocky Hill. The staff and nursing personal were the most caring and attentive I have ever encountered, albeit my encounters were brief and at the end semi-lucid! The center is wonderfully clean and safe unlike that of our local hospital surgery room where my mother years ago had to lose her leg after undergoing a knee replacement surgery that led to a MERSA infection most assuredly acquired in the hospital's operating theater. The ASCs of CT provide a remarkable amount of service and quality, clean health care and given the financial challenges in keeping doors open and good jobs available across this state, let's make sure we alleviate any redundant taxes on something as important as these ASCs are. Please support the phased in close out of the service tax on ASCs. Thank you!