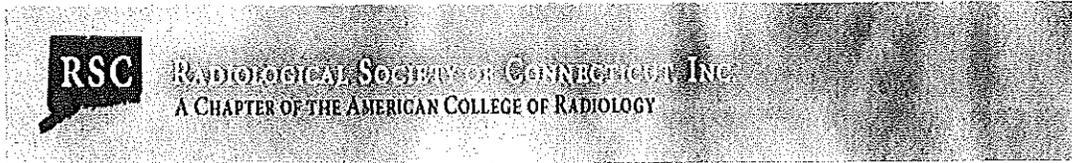


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**Statement of Linda Kowalski, The Kowalski Group, LLC  
Executive Director-Radiological Society of Connecticut  
Testimony Before the Insurance and Real Estate Committee  
Senate Bill 433  
March 16, 2016**

Senator Crisco, Representative Megna, Senator Kelly, Representative Sampson and esteemed members of the committee:

I am Linda Kowalski, President of the Kowalski Group, LLC. I also serve as Executive Director and lead lobbyist for the Radiological Society of Connecticut. I am representing the organization today in support of Senate Bill 433, *AN ACT CONCERNING STANDARDS AND REQUIREMENTS FOR HEALTH CARRIERS' PROVIDER NETWORKS AND CONTRACTS BETWEEN HEALTH CARRIERS AND PARTICIPATING PROVIDERS.*

The Radiological Society of Connecticut believes the legislation will bring Connecticut into conformity with other states when it comes to the parameters and rules surrounding health carrier network standards. We understand that the bill is patterned after recommendations that have been made by the National Association of Insurance Commissioners.

In particular, RSC supports the proposed standards over the use of provider directories, a critical element that gives consumers the ability to consider a wider range of medical providers for their health care needs.

We appreciate that the committee has raised Senate Bill 433 for public hearing, and we stand ready to work with you on the legislation as the 2016 Legislative Session proceeds.

Thank you for considering this important legislation.