



Testimony by Kelly Coy

Griswold Home Care/Fairfield County

Opposing House Bill 5368

Good Afternoon members of the Labor Committee. My name is Kelly Coy. I am the Community Liaison for Griswold Home Care, a non-medical homecare company which has been operating in Fairfield County for 25 years. I have been with Griswold Home Care since 2010.

I have been asked to read a letter from the family of a former client who we provided care for approximately 5 years. The family could not be here today but felt passionately about opposing house bill 5368 and asked me to represent their interest.

This letter which I attach as part of the testimony is from David and Maryann Welch of Fairfield (see attached).

In summary, this family is one of thousands of families who have been able to keep their loved one home and off of Title 19. I humbly ask this committee to defeat House Bill 5368.

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To: The Connecticut State Legislature  
Date: March 3, 2016  
Re: Registries in Connecticut

We are writing to the Legislature to share our experience using a registry for in home care for our mother. Our mother Alice passed away recently at the age of 97. She passed away in the home that she had lived in for more than 50 years.

In 2010 Alice broke her hip and shoulder and after surgery and a stay in rehab for physical therapy she returned home with a full time live in caregiver. As a family we did much research taking many things into consideration when hiring an agency to provide care to our mother. We looked at both full payroll and registry models when investigating care options. We found prices ranging from \$165.00 to \$225.00 per day for live in care.

We chose an agency that was a registry and in doing so we were able to save 25 to 30 percent of the cost of care. The savings incurred from using a registry allowed our mother to pay for in home care longer thus staying home until she passed away. Because we used a registry at a lower cost our mother was able to private pay for her in home care until she passed away avoiding the need to go on to state aid.

In closing we ask the legislature to please keep the registry model in place giving the consumer a choice in home health care.