Connecticut State Medical Society on
House Bill 6981, An Act Establishing A Public Health Primary Prevention Study Group
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Senator Gerratana, Senator Bond-Somers, Representative Steinberg and members of the Public Health Committee, on behalf of the physicians and physicians in training of the Connecticut State Medical Society (CSMS) and the organizations listed below, thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony on House Bill 6981 An Act Establishing A Public Health Primary Prevention Study Group

The Connecticut State Medical Society strongly supports the concept of the medical home with a primary care physician orchestrating the management of health in collaboration with other health care professions, by referral, to specialty care when necessary, and through a partnership with patients to develop and foster healthy lifestyles that both prevent and reduce the burden of disease. We applaud the excellent work of our school nurses who set the stage for this process by educating our children in nutrition and healthy behavior. We support any effort to further these goals so long as those efforts are science and evidence based, practical, and not duplicative or in conflict with an established and successful medical home.

In the event that a study group is established we respectfully request that CSMS be named to represent the physician interests in this issue.