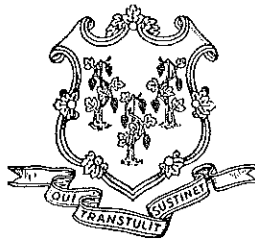


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In **SUPPORT** of Senate Bill 246
*An Act Concerning a State-wide Waiting List for Residential Placement
for Persons with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities*

Chairwoman Gerratana, Chairman Steinberg, Chairwoman Somers, and distinguished members of the Public Health Committee, thank you for hearing Senate Bill 246. I am here to testify in **support** of SB 246, *An Act Concerning a State-Wide Waiting List for Residential Placement for Persons with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities*.

My name is Cathy Osten and I represent the 19th Senate District, which includes the towns of Columbia, Franklin, Hebron, Lebanon, Ledyard, Lisbon, Marlborough, Montville, Norwich, and Sprague.

I wholeheartedly support the implementation of a state-wide comprehensive waiting list for residents with intellectual and development disabilities. In creating this list, we can ensure that the waiting lists are updated annually, organized geographically, identify qualifying priority services for each and every individual, and also have available a twenty-year projection for state-wide waiting list. This will ensure that we have a user-friendly system that everyone on the waiting list in Connecticut is entitled to.

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify in **support** of Senate Bill 246. I look forward to working with the leadership and members of this committee on this bill's passage.