



Written Testimony of the Connecticut Orthopaedic Society

SB 376 An Act Concerning Health Insurance Coverage For Prosthetic Devices

Insurance and Real Estate Committee

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Co-Chairs, Senators Larson and Kelly, Representative Scanlon and distinguished Members of the Insurance and Real Estate Committee, on behalf of the more than 220 orthopaedic surgeons of the Connecticut Orthopaedic Society (COS), thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of **SB 376 An Act Concerning Health Insurance Coverage For Prosthetic Devices.**

The orthopaedic surgeons of Connecticut appreciate this Committee's legislative initiative to require health insurance coverage for prosthesis needed by our amputee patients. Prosthetic devices are vital to not only a patient's physical health but also their mental health. These devices help an individual proceed with a functional lifestyle, often preventing some from further clinical complications which may result from a sedentary or immobile life. A patient's mental health is integral to their well-being and these devices help provide amputees with the opportunity for greater self-reliance, confidence and return to work in some cases.

Appropriate prosthetic care, as determined by a patient's medical doctor with the cost covered by health care insurance will provide for long term care savings to the system and most importantly, increase the quality of life for the patient.

By supporting this bill, you will be ensuring that our amputee patients have the required coverage they need for prosthetic devices to increase their mobility, enhance their mental well-being while preventing potential clinical complications.

Thank you for your consideration.

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