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TO: Co-Chairs and Members of the Public Health Committee

DATE: March 5, 2018

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RE: Testimony regarding H.B. No. 5163, AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH'S RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING VARIOUS REVISIONS TO THE PUBLIC HEALTH STATUTES.

Secretary-Treasurer:
Charles K. Brown, Jr.
Director of Health

This testimony is submitted on behalf of the Board of Health of the Central Connecticut Health District (CCHD). CCHD is one of 20 regional local health departments in Connecticut, known as "health districts". Our agency serves nearly 98,000 people in our four member towns of Berlin, Newington, Rocky Hill, and Wethersfield.

John F. Aforismo
Wethersfield, CT

Regarding Sec. 21. Section 19a-36m of the 2018 supplement to the general statutes, CCHD opposes the language in subsection D as it would be impossible to regulate whether the residential care home administrator or designee had taken the appropriate food protection certification program without having the code apply to their agencies. Many of these residential care homes serve especially vulnerable populations and as such need to have oversight of the food preparation processes for their clients/patients which is explicitly addressed within the FDA food code.

Ann Marie Diloreto
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Regarding Sec. 7. Section 19a-62a, CCHD supports the requirement for triennial reporting of the activities of the statewide asthma monitoring program, as this would provide regular statewide data with which to continue collaborative planning for prevention and treatment of asthma. Local health departments and districts have been working with healthcare partners to address asthma as a chronic condition and sustained reporting will support these efforts in the future.

Jerilyn Nagel
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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this bill.

Michele Sadlosky
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Sincerely,

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