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Re: *S.B. No. 300 An Act Concerning Collaborative Arrangements Between Physician Assistants and Physicians

Senator Gerratana, Senator Somers, Representative Steinberg and members of the Public Health Committee,

My name is Dr. Richard Duenas and I am the president of the Connecticut Chiropractic Association. The Connecticut Chiropractic Association is opposed to this bill.

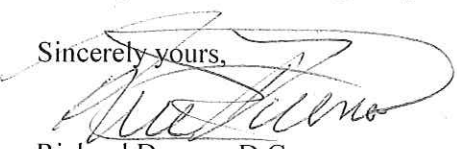
A request for a scope of practice review was submitted to the Department of Public Health last year by the Connecticut Academy of Physician Assistants. However, the request was not chosen for a scope of practice review committee. As a result, those interested healing art professions and other interested parties have not had a reasonable period of time to study the matter and have their concerns reasonably discussed with the Academy.

This bill can increase the access to pharmaceuticals which may not be needed in society today. We believe that before increasing access to pharmaceutical methods of care, the legislature should assure access to natural based or non-pharmaceutical treatment is better to the general public. The chiropractic profession, licensed in this state for over one hundred years, provides cost and clinically effective primary and specialty care for persons of all ages. Access to the full scope of chiropractic practice is often times compromised by government and insurer policies thus steering patients to less effective and at times more dangerous and at times addictive treatments. At a time when we are suffering the effects of the opioid crisis let's help assure the proven natural methods of care that reduces individual reliance on pharmaceuticals are better accessible to the general public.

In closing, we believe it is more appropriate and reasonable for all health care professions affected or concerned about this concept to have a greater amount of time to discuss it detail. It therefore should go through a scope of practice review committee where the professionals on the front lines of health care can better discuss and prepare a bill that would be more reflective of the needs of patients throughout Connecticut.

Thank you for considering our position.

Sincerely yours,



Richard Duenas, D.C.
President