



**TESTIMONY OF
CONNECTICUT HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION
SUBMITTED TO THE
PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE
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**SB 464, An Act Establishing A Working Group To Enhance Physician Recruitment
In The State**

The Connecticut Hospital Association (CHA) appreciates this opportunity to submit testimony concerning **SB 464, An Act Establishing A Working Group To Enhance Physician Recruitment In The State**. CHA supports the bill.

Before commenting on the bill, it's important to point out that Connecticut hospitals provide high quality care for everyone, regardless of their ability to pay. Connecticut hospitals are dynamic, complex organizations that are continually working to find innovative ways to better serve patients and communities and build a healthier Connecticut. By investing in the future of Connecticut's hospitals, we will strengthen our healthcare system and our economy, put communities to work, and deliver affordable care that Connecticut families deserve.

SB 464 would require the Department of Public Health to convene a working group to advise the Commissioner regarding methods to enhance physician recruitment in the state.

Physician recruitment and retention in primary and specialty care remains a priority for Connecticut's hospitals. This multi-member working group would serve as a springboard for a critical conversation on how to address, through targeted and coordinated policies, physician recruitment.

Thank you for your consideration of our position. For additional information, contact CHA Government Relations at (203) 294-7310.