



Testimony to the Human Services Committee

Submitted by Mag Morelli, President of LeadingAge Connecticut

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Regarding

House Bill 7123, An Act Concerning the Telephone Wait Times for Persons Contacting the Department of Social Services

House Bill 7166, An Act Concerning Non-Emergency Medical Transportation for Medicaid Beneficiaries

LeadingAge Connecticut is a membership association of 130 not-for-profit and mission-driven organizations representing the entire field of aging services and senior housing. On behalf of LeadingAge Connecticut, I am pleased to submit the following testimony on the above listed bills.

LeadingAge Connecticut appreciates the Committee's attention to these two important issues affecting older adults enrolled in the state's Medicaid program. Similarly, we are appreciative of the effort made by the Department of Social Services to work with our association over the last several years to resolve the problems we have encountered in both areas; however, we are still faced with long wait times at the call center and areas where non-emergency transportation difficulties remain a great concern. We therefore offer our assistance to both the Committee and the Department of Social Services as you work to resolve these issues.

Thank you for your consideration of our submitted testimony and I would be happy to assist you on these and other bills related to aging services.

Respectfully submitted,

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