

Testimony of Deborah Wissner of West Haven

In support of H.B. 5247 An Act Concerning Explanation of Benefits

Insurance and Real Estate Committee

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Senator Matthew Lesser, Senator Sean Scanlon, Senator Joan Hartley, State Representative Lucy Dathan, ranking members as well as distinguished members of the Insurance and Real Estate Committee, for the record my name is Deborah Wissner of West Haven.

As a parent of two children, while it is ideal that our children would come to us if they are experiencing a physical or mental condition that requires professional attention from medical personnel such as doctors or therapists, they may feel embarrassed or nervous about approaching us, the parents, to get the care they need.

Changing the requirements for health insurers making the explanation of benefits confidential under certain circumstances, may help our children seek the medical treatment they need and may not seek without this change.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide written testimony and the Committee's consideration for passing this bill.