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SB 1076 AAC Public-Private Partnerships and Privatization of State Services at the University of Connecticut Health Center.

Senator Flexer, Representative Fox and members of the Government Administration and Election Committee. Hello, my name is Diane Morgan. I am asking you to not allow privatization of UCONN Health. I have been a RN at UCONN Health for 17 years. I have been a nurse for 39 years. I am writing in support of SB 1076 AAC Public-Private Partnerships and Privatization of State Services at the University of Connecticut Health Center.

My first job was at a private hospital. I still refer to it as New Britain General Hospital, but as you know it was brought out and that name was not good enough for Hartford Hospital, so as it is now known as THOCC. I worked there for 22.5 years. I left there because there were many changes going on that I felt was not a good change. They cut every full-time person to 36 hours a week, the worst insurance with high premiums and deductibles people were fired or ask to leave because their own person was going to take over. Is this going to happen to the hard-working staff at UCONN Health or worse yet close our wonderful hospital. Like when a deal was made with Hartford Hospital that UCONN would no longer be the NICU transport hospital, and I believe UCONN would then become the Cardiac Care Hospital Center. Did that happen? I work in the OB /L&D department and when Hartford took over the transport team and NICU that affected us greatly. But we are strong and determined!! We are working hard, and things have improved tremendously, and we continue to work hard to get to our goal.

My other concern is what would happen to my retirement health benefit that I have been paying for the last 8 years. I have had 3% of my pay each pay period taken out of my paycheck to purchase this retirement benefit. If the hospital is privatized will I get this benefit still or will my money be reimbursed to me when I retire? This benefit is not something given to me like it is for those Tier one employees that have retired already, I am paying for it to be there for myself and my husband. I hope you will think twice about privatization for UCONN Health. UCONN Health is there to serve the people of CT. All privatization does is threaten patient care by putting profit over patients!!!

Thank you.