

CALA Testimony

- **SB 311 – AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONNECTICUT HOME-CARE PROGRAM FOR THE ELDERLY.**
- **SB 316 – AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF STATE-FUNDED ASSISTED LIVING SERVICES.**

The following represents written testimony from the Connecticut Assisted Living Association (CALA) regarding two bills being heard by the Human Services Committee today.

SB 311 – AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONNECTICUT HOME-CARE PROGRAM FOR THE ELDERLY.

CALA supports Senate Bill 311. In particular, CALA urges support of the bill's provision that reduces the resident co-pay from 3% to 2% for those residing in Assisted Living demonstration project settings. For residents of these settings, even minor enhancements to a program benefit, in this case reducing the co-pay, can significantly result in additional resources being available for basic quality of life expenses.

SB 316 – AN ACT CONCERNING A STUDY OF STATE-FUNDED ASSISTED LIVING SERVICES.

CALA strongly supports SB 316 on the basis that (A) no such state study has ever been commissioned since the inception (2001) of the state's four programs which apply subsidies to Assisted Living settings, (B) the four state programs which apply subsidies to Assisted Living settings have been greatly successful by maintaining residents in residential settings where care is available when needed, as needed and foster autonomy, dignity, and choice, and (C) subsidized Assisted Living settings save significant tax dollars over more costly, institutional settings.

CALA remains available to serve as a resource to committee members as these proposals evolve.

Thank you for your consideration.