



**Testimony of Connecticut Children's Medical Center
to the General Law Committee regarding
SB 2, An Act Concerning Artificial Intelligence**

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Senator Maroney, Representative Lemar, and members of the legislature's General Law Committee, thank you for the opportunity to share our opposition to SB 2, An Act Concerning Artificial Intelligence.

Connecticut Children's is a nationally recognized, 205-bed not-for-profit children's health system driving innovation in pediatrics. With over 3,200 employees and more than 1,300 pediatric experts on our medical staff, we are the only health system in the state dedicated exclusively to the care of children.

Connecticut Children's opposes SB 2 because it is not appropriately tailored to avoid unnecessary interference with current uses or innovation of AI that might result from overregulation. SB 2, by its own definitions, reaches practically every use of AI in healthcare. The intermingled and confusing language for when AI restrictions and controls might not apply in healthcare are insufficient, confusing, vague, and in many cases will make its application impossible and prevent the use of innovation to improve healthcare. The bill would cause immediate and significant negative impacts on healthcare in Connecticut.

To avoid those negative impacts, if the bill moves forward, we urge the Committee to exempt healthcare uses of AI from the bill.

The following are representative examples of how AI can be used to advance patient care and create efficiencies in healthcare:

- Flagging imaging abnormalities that can detect cancer faster
- Predictive technologies to protect against drug diversion
- Algorithms to optimize patient scheduling including reducing "no shows" that are costly to healthcare and identifying openings for patient appointments that would otherwise go unfilled
- Assessing medication management, adjusting refill cadence, and early detection of dangerous drug interactions
- Care simulations and virtual patients (simulations) in medical education to provide students with realistic scenarios for treatment practice

The bill would interfere with all of those uses either by making them infeasible from an affordability and resources perspective, or by adding so much unnecessary red tape that providers will be forced to abandon or limit their use.

Beyond current and known uses, the bill also would interfere with exploration, innovation, and research for future uses of AI.

We urge you to reject SB 2 or, alternatively, provide a sufficient exemption for healthcare-related activities.

Thank you for your consideration of our position. If you have any questions about this testimony, please contact Christian Petersen, Connecticut Children's Government Relations Manager at cpetersen@connecticutchildrens.org