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SB 227: An Act Concerning Prescription Drugs and Over-the-Counter Diet Pills and Supplements

Senator Maroney, Representative Lemar, Senator Cicarella, Representative Rutigliano, and members of the General Law Committee: Thank you for affording me the opportunity to testify in support of Senate Bill 227: An Act Concerning Prescription Drugs and Over-the-Counter Diet Pills and Supplements.

Since becoming Comptroller, my office has convened a Healthcare Cabinet that brings together practitioners, advocates, and policymakers to identify and address the most pressing challenges facing our state's healthcare ecosystem. Our Women's and LGBTQIA+ subcommittees have specifically identified strengthening Connecticut's shield law protections as a top priority for 2026.

Connecticut was the first state in the nation to enact a comprehensive shield law following the Supreme Court's decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, reaffirming our commitment to protecting providers and patients from out-of-state overreach. As other states continue to criminalize or restrict reproductive and gender-affirming care, we are now seeing increasing efforts to pursue civil and criminal actions against providers across state lines.

I support SB 227, and my testimony today focuses on Sections 2 through 5, which strengthen legal and privacy protections for healthcare providers offering reproductive and gender-affirming services.

As federal and out-of-state policies continue to shift, Connecticut must remain a leader in healthcare by shielding licensed providers who are delivering care that is lawful, evidence-based, and expressly permitted under Connecticut statutes and regulations. SB 227 ensures that providers who follow Connecticut law cannot be disciplined here based on conflicting laws in other jurisdictions.

By passing SB 227, we are sending a clear message that Connecticut will protect the privacy and professional standing of the healthcare workforce that serves our residents. I urge the committee to support SB 227 as it is a necessary step to ensure that our providers can continue to deliver high-quality, affirming care with the peace of mind they deserve.

All the best,



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