



**TESTIMONY OF  
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CONNECTICUT HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION  
BEFORE THE  
APPROPRIATIONS, FINANCE, HUMAN SERVICES,  
AND PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEES  
December 13, 2019**

**The Connecticut Hospital Association, et al. v. Connecticut Department of Social Services, et al. Settlement Agreement**

**An Act Concerning Implementation Of The Approved Settlement Agreement In The Connecticut Hospital Association Et Al. V. Connecticut Department Of Social Services Et Al. And Making Appropriations Therefor**

Good afternoon. My name is Jennifer Jackson, and I am the President and CEO of the Connecticut Hospital Association. Thank you for having me here today to discuss the hospital settlement agreement and its implementation language in **An Act Concerning Implementation of the Approved Settlement Agreement in the Connecticut Hospital Association et al. V. Connecticut Department of Social Services et al.**

I want to begin by thanking bipartisan legislative leaders and legislators for your ongoing commitment to hospitals and healthcare in Connecticut. I also want to thank Governor Lamont, his Administration, and Attorney General William Tong. We are pleased to be here today, and to have come to a resolution on the hospital tax and Medicaid payment issues with which we have grappled for many years.

Connecticut hospitals play a vital role protecting and preserving the health of our communities, delivering urgent care to people in need across our state. In fact, each year, Connecticut hospitals treat more than 1.5 million patients in their emergency departments, welcome more than 35,000 babies into the world, and care for nearly 400,000 admitted patients.

From state-of-the-art facilities and technology to competent, compassionate staff, Connecticut hospitals and health systems are well known across the country for building a healthier Connecticut by improving community health, managing chronic illness, expanding access to primary care, preparing for emergencies, and addressing social determinants of health.

Connecticut hospitals and health systems are committed to making sure patients experience compassionate, empathetic, and coordinated care – every visit. Doctors and nurses partner with patients and their families, building relationships that put the patient first, and ensuring that patients are satisfied and engaged in their healthcare.

In addition to serving Connecticut families in a time of need, Connecticut hospitals boost the health of our communities and foster economic growth throughout the state. They generate nearly \$29 billion for the state's economy and drive growth in the medical and research fields, as well as in many other sectors.

This agreement is a win for patients, hospitals, and the state. We are looking forward to a new collaborative relationship – working together to provide patients with quality healthcare and strengthen Connecticut's economy. We urge you to pass both the settlement resolution and the accompanying legislation.

Many thanks, again, for your continuing commitment to improving healthcare in Connecticut, and your support of hospitals.

Thank you for your consideration.