



**Connecticut Department of Public Health**

**Testimony Presented Before the General Obligation Bonding  
Subcommittee**

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**Senate Bill 1247, An Act Authorizing and Adjusting Bonds of the State**

The Department of Public Health (DPH) testifies in strong support of Senate Bill 1247 An Act Authorizing and Adjusting Bonds of the State. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this important issue.

The Governor's proposed bonding package includes \$500,000 to support DPH's ongoing "Refresh and Renew" effort. In this effort, DPH staff have been diligently working to declutter our building, archive various records, and refresh the space we are in. The next step in this process is to replace outdated and decaying carpets, cubicles, and furniture throughout the building. DPH has been working with DAS and their contractors to redesign our existing space to meet our current staffing needs and give the building long overdue updates. This includes swing space and hoteling cubes for hybrid staff as well as additional space for collaboration. We are excited to get started on this next phase of the work and appreciate the Governor's support through this bonding allocation.

Thank you for your consideration of this information. DPH encourages committee members to reach out with any questions.