



**Testimony of Carrie Rand-Anastasiades
Insurance and Real Estate Committee
In Support of
AAC Diabetes and High Deductible Health Plans**

Good Afternoon Representative Scanlon, Senator Lesser, and Senator Kelly and members of the Insurance and Real Estate Committee. My name is Carrie Rand-Anastasiades and I am the Executive Director of the Connecticut Association of Community Pharmacies, which represents chain pharmacies around the State, including Walgreens, Rite- Aid, Stop and Shop and Genoa to name a few. We would like to testify in support of AN ACT CONCERNING DIABETES AND HIGH DEDUCTIBLE HEALTH PLANS.

We applaud the leadership of the committee for taking on this issue to provide access to life saving medications for those in need. We are grateful to have been able to provide input and that several of the suggestions we made were incorporated in the bill. We appreciate the lengthy lead time with a delayed effective date. This bill was modeled after one in Minnesota that recently went into effect, and chain pharmacies are still working out the kinks of the program.

We stand ready to work with the committee to share our experiences in Minnesota and help those in need gain access to their medications.