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Statement of Margaret Barili

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LCO 3614, An Act Concerning Telehealth

Members of the Insurance and Real Estate Committee:

My name is Margaret Barilli. I am a licensed Acupuncturist practicing in Connecticut, and serve as president of our professional society here in Connecticut.

The Connecticut Society of Acupuncturists would like to offer comments on LCO 3614, *An Act Concerning Telehealth*.

We understand that the bill would codify changes to the telehealth law that were issued by Governor Lamont through Executive Orders 7G, 7DD, 7FF, and extend them through June 30, 2021.

A number of healthcare professions that currently are not included in the telehealth law (Section 19a-906) have been included in LCO 3614 as authorized providers of the service. These include nurse-midwives, dentists, behavior analysts, genetic counselors, music therapists, art therapists and athletic trainers.

We believe these additions make sense. However, our members would also like to have the option to participate in telehealth, and we ask that you include licensed Acupuncturists in this new bill. In many cases, we can discuss a patient's treatment and evaluate progress on a remote basis, although in-person visits are still very important.

Thank you.