



**TESTIMONY OF
CONNECTICUT HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION
PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE
Friday, February 17, 2017**

**HB 6496, An Act Concerning Clinical Training Opportunities
With Connecticut Hospitals**

**SB 250, An Act Concerning Clinical Placements For In-State
Medical Students**

The Connecticut Hospital Association (CHA) appreciates this opportunity to submit testimony concerning **HB 6496, An Act Concerning Clinical Training Opportunities With Connecticut Hospitals**, and **SB 250, An Act Concerning Clinical Placements For In-State Medical Students**.

Before commenting on the bill, it's important to point out that Connecticut hospitals provide high quality care for everyone, regardless of ability to pay. Connecticut hospitals are finding innovative solutions to integrate and coordinate care to better serve patients and communities, as well as achieve health equity. These dynamic, complex organizations are working to build a healthier Connecticut. That means building a healthy economy, community, and healthcare system. By investing in the future of Connecticut's healthcare and hospitals, rather than continuing to cut away at them, we will strengthen our economy, put communities to work, and deliver affordable care that Connecticut families deserve.

SB 6496 and SB 250 impact the clinical training of medical students. HB 6496 proposes to increase quality teaching opportunities and access for Connecticut medical students at Connecticut teaching or clinical hospitals to enhance programs and site rotations. SB 250 gives preference to students of medical schools located in the state over foreign medical students for placement in clinical programs at Connecticut hospitals.

CHA looks forward to working with this Committee as it reviews the challenges in ensuring clinical placements for medical students. Any solution should ensure that Connecticut continues to be able to attract and retain the best and brightest medical students without regard to whether they attend medical school inside or outside Connecticut. We are concerned that a statutory prescription may not be the best way to accomplish this goal.

Thank you for your consideration of our position. For additional information, contact CHA Government Relations at (203) 294-7310.