



**TESTIMONY OF  
CONNECTICUT HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION  
SUBMITTED TO THE  
PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE  
Wednesday, February 23, 2011**

**HB 5289, An Act Prohibiting Medical Procedures That May  
Potentially Block A Person's Air Passages**

The Connecticut Hospital Association (CHA) appreciates this opportunity to present testimony concerning **HB 5289, An Act Prohibiting Medical Procedures That May Potentially Block A Person's Air Passages**. CHA opposes this bill.

HB 5289 would prohibit a healthcare provider from administering a medical procedure that could potentially result in a patient's air passages being blocked. As drafted, the intent of this bill is unclear, however as written it will have a negative impact on the ability of healthcare professionals to perform many life-saving procedures that take place every day in every hospital. For example, HB 5289 would prohibit hospitals from performing almost every type of surgery.

For this reason, we respectfully urge you to reject HB 5289.

Thank you for your consideration of our position.

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