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**TESTIMONY OF
CONNECTICUT HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION
SUBMITTED TO THE
PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE
Wednesday, March 7, 2012**

HB 5333, An Act Concerning Organ And Tissue Donation Awareness

The Connecticut Hospital Association (CHA) appreciates this opportunity to submit testimony concerning **HB 5333, An Act Concerning Organ And Tissue Donation Awareness**. CHA supports this bill and respectfully requests that it be amended to add the president of the Connecticut Hospital Association or a designee as a member of the advisory council established in the bill.

Among other provisions, HB 5333 establishes an advisory council on organ and tissue donation education and awareness. Connecticut hospitals play an important role in the recovery and transplanting of donated organs. Because of this important role, we believe hospital representation on the advisory board is prudent and warranted. Specifically, we request that section 1(a) of the bill be amended by adding: “The chief executive officer of the Connecticut Hospital Association, or said officer's designee.”

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