



**TESTIMONY OF
CONNECTICUT HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION
SUBMITTED TO THE
PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE
Wednesday, March 4, 2015**

HB 6281, An Act Concerning Organ And Tissue Donation Awareness

The Connecticut Hospital Association (CHA) appreciates this opportunity to submit testimony concerning **HB 6281, An Act Concerning Organ And Tissue Donation Awareness**. CHA supports this proposal.

Connecticut hospitals are at the center of providing care to those in need 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. From emergency, primary, and specialty care to lifesaving organ transplantation, Connecticut hospitals are where generations of Connecticut families have come to receive healthcare services that are safe, equitable, and patient-centered. As the foundation of their communities, Connecticut hospitals also play an important role in providing leadership on community and public health initiatives.

HB 6281 would allow for the establishment of a fund that would be used by various organizations to promote organ and tissue donation awareness. Under the provisions of HB 6281, Connecticut residents may contribute by marking a box on their motor vehicle registration form and submitting the contribution to the fund when registering their motor vehicle.

For the Connecticut residents waiting for transplants, organ and tissue donation is literally a matter of life and death. The creation of a fund for organ and tissue education and awareness would enhance public awareness around this critical topic. For this reason, CHA supports HB 6281.

Thank you for your consideration of our position.

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