



**TESTIMONY OF  
CONNECTICUT HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION  
SUBMITTED TO THE  
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2015**

**HB 6335, An Act Concerning The Issuance Of "Donate Life"  
Number Plates**

The Connecticut Hospital Association (CHA) appreciates this opportunity to submit testimony concerning **HB 6335, An Act Concerning The Issuance Of "Donate Life" Number Plates**. CHA supports this bill.

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 6335 would direct the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles to issue "Donate Life" number plates, with a goal of enhancing public awareness about the importance of organ and tissue donation. For the Connecticut residents waiting for transplants, organ and tissue donation is literally a matter of life and death. "Donate Life" number plates would enhance public awareness around this critical topic. For this reason, CHA supports HB 6335.

Thank you for your consideration of our position.

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