



**TESTIMONY OF  
CONNECTICUT HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION  
SUBMITTED TO THE  
PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE  
Monday, March 4, 2019**

**HB 7198, An Act Concerning Social Workers**

The Connecticut Hospital Association (CHA) appreciates this opportunity to submit testimony concerning **HB 7198, An Act Concerning Social Workers**. CHA has concerns with the bill as drafted.

Before commenting on the bill, it's important to point out that Connecticut hospitals and health systems provide high quality care for everyone, regardless of their ability to pay. By investing in the future of Connecticut's hospitals, we will strengthen our healthcare system and our economy, put communities to work, and deliver affordable care that Connecticut families deserve.

While CHA believes that the intent of the bill is to make technical or modest revisions, we have concerns that the language may have unintended consequences. We would appreciate the opportunity to work with the Committee and the National Association of Social Workers to ensure that any revisions do not result in unintended consequences to the practice of social work and the delivery of care in Connecticut.

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