



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

SB 796, An Act Concerning Sexual Assault Forensic Examiners

The Connecticut Hospital Association (CHA) appreciates this opportunity to submit testimony concerning **SB 796, An Act Concerning Sexual Assault Forensic Examiners**.

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. They do more than treat illness and injury. They build a healthier Connecticut by improving community health, managing chronic illness, expanding access to primary care, preparing for emergencies, and addressing social determinants of health. 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.

SB 796 makes modifications to the policies and procedures of the state's sexual assault forensic examiners program. CHA is pleased to have worked with the Judicial Department and the Office of Victims Services on these modifications impacting hospitals. CHA supports the bill.

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