



**TESTIMONY OF
CONNECTICUT HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION
SUBMITTED TO THE
GENERAL LAW COMMITTEE
Thursday, February 25, 2021**

SB 694, An Act Concerning Revisions To Pharmacy And Drug Control Statutes

The Connecticut Hospital Association (CHA) appreciates this opportunity to submit testimony concerning **SB 694, An Act Concerning Revisions To Pharmacy And Drug Control Statutes**. CHA supports the bill.

Before commenting on this bill, it is important to acknowledge that, since early 2020, Connecticut's hospitals and health systems have been at the center of the global public health emergency, acting as the critical partner in the state's response to COVID-19. Hospitals expanded critical care capacity, stood up countless community COVID-19 testing locations, and are a critical component of the vaccine distribution plan. Through it all, hospitals and health systems have continued to provide high-quality care for everyone, regardless of ability to pay.

SB 694 makes changes to Connecticut's pharmacy statutes that ensure patient access to important medications. CHA would like to thank the Department of Consumer Protection for working with us to make modifications to address hospital concerns and for adding in a section that would allow patients to have access to compound drugs closer to home.

We urge the Committee to adopt SB 694 as written.

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