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**Testimony of Matthew Barrett, President and CEO of the Connecticut Association of Health Care Facilities / Connecticut Center For Assisted Living (CAHCF/CCAL):**

The Connecticut Association of Health Care Facilities / Connecticut Center For Assisted Living (CAHCF/CCAL), a trade association of skilled nursing facilities and assisted living communities testimony in support of H.B. No. 5457 AN ACT CONCERNING NURSING HOMES AND IMPLEMENTING NURSING HOME WAITING LIST RECOMMENDATIONS.

The nursing home wait list protections against discrimination based on source of payment when individuals seek admission to a nursing home that have been Connecticut policy for decades are modernized and improved under H.B. No. 5457, including, along with other important updates, moving to a requirement that nursing homes maintain the waiting list in electronic form by July 1, 2024.

This important bill reflects the recommendations of a waiting list working group led by Connecticut's long-term care ombudsman, and included collaboration with all relevant state agencies and other stakeholders.

We urge adoption of H.B. No. 5457.

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