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**Testimony of the Connecticut Association of Health Care Facilities / Connecticut Center For Assisted Living (CAHCF/CCAL):**

On behalf of 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, my name is Matthew Barrett, the association's President and CEO. Thank for this opportunity to present testimony in support of S.B. No. 1417 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NURSING HOME WORKFORCE STANDARDS BOARD.

S.B. 1417 establishes a Nursing Home Workforce Standards Board to establish nursing home employment, training and minimum compensation standards necessary to ensure the safety and well-being of nursing home residents and workers. Among other things, the board must adopt minimum compensation and training standards and may (1) adopt regional compensation standards based on wage rate and benefit data for similar occupations in a geographic area; (2) establish minimum compensation standards by occupation of a nursing home worker; and (3) approve a waiver to such standards for any nursing home employer that presents the board with evidence of financial difficulty risking such home's closure if the standards are applied to such nursing home. Before adopting any compensation or training standards for workers at Medicaid-funded nursing homes with rates of payment set the board shall consult with the Commissioner of Social Services to determine the amount of state funding needed to implement any changes in compensation or additional costs associated with new training requirements. No such standards shall be adopted or implemented until such date as any necessary state appropriations are made.

Similar to S.B. 1415, AN ACT CONCERNING MEDICAID AND MEDICAID-FUNDED PROGRAMS, S.B. 1417 endeavor to correlates the sufficiency of available state resources and the