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Testimony of the Connecticut Association of Health Care Facilities / Connecticut Center For Assisted Living (CAHCF/CCAL) before the Human Services

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 opposition to Section 12 of S.B. No. 1251 AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.**

Senator Lesser, Representative Gilchrest and Members of the Human Services Committee, my name is Matthew Barrett. I am President and CEO of the Connecticut Association of Health Care Facilities and the Connecticut Center for Assisted Living (CAHCF/CCAL). As the Human Services Committee carefully evaluates the needs all of our state's constituencies and communities, we once more ask you to also consider the needs of Connecticut's skilled nursing facilities in your deliberations.

Unfortunately, the Governor's two-year budget recommendation now before the Appropriations Committee continues the decades-long policy of eliminating skilled nursing facility statutory inflationary increases. For SFY 2026 and SFY 27, when including the state and federal share, the overall reduction in this line item amounts to \$111.4 million. See the excerpt below from the Governor's proposed SFY 2026 and SFY 2026 recommended budget for these budget details. See also the below corresponding statutory implementation language related to the inflationary reduction included S.B. 1251 (line 935), AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATIONS FOR HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, which is legislation before the Human Services Committee introduced at the request of the Governor.