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Written testimony of Matthew V. Barrett, President and CEO of the Connecticut Association of Health Care Facilities / Connecticut Center For Assisted Living (CAHCF/CCAL) concerning S.B. No. 290 AAC Certificates of Need For Long-Term Care Facilities.

Good morning Senator Moore, Representative Abercrombie and to the distinguished members of the Human Services Committee. My name is Matt Barrett. I am President and CEO of the Connecticut Association of Health Care Facilities / Connecticut Center For Assisted Living (CAHCF/CCAL). CAHCF/CCAL is a one hundred and fifty member trade association of skilled nursing facilities and assisted living communities. Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony on S.B. No. 290 AAC Certificates of Need For Long-Term Care Facilities.

We applaud the Department of Social Services for advancing reforms in the nursing home certificate of need process at this appropriate time. Revisions to the process that expedite applications and encourage construction, renovations and replacement of Connecticut's aging nursing home infrastructure make tremendous sense as our state prepares to address the forecasted needs of our dramatically aging population. We are especially pleased to be collaborating with the Department of Social on this process and to have the opportunity to make detailed recommendations to the Human Services Committee this session for your consideration. We are especially interested in addressing the goals of reducing excess licensed bed capacity consistent with the state's long term care rightsizing and rebalancing goals as we, at once, modernize and advance high quality in our Connecticut nursing homes, but done so in a way that doesn't lead to the unnecessary closing of nursing homes that will be needed to address our future long-term services and support needs.

We look forward to our future meetings with the Department of Social Services and to working with the Human Services Committee in this regard.

Thank you and I would be happy to answer any questions you may have. For additional information, contact: mbarrett@cahcf.org or 860-290-9424.