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**Insurance and Real Estate Committee**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**Thursday, March 5, 2020**

**Connecticut Association of Health Plans**

**Testimony Regarding**

**H.B. No. 5018 AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH CARE COST GROWTH IN CONNECTICUT.**

The Connecticut Association of Health Plans welcomes the opportunity to continue discussions around H.B. 5018 and is encouraged by the direction undertaken by the bill to focus on health care cost drivers in particular. The carriers have long maintained that reducing unit costs is the key to reducing health care premiums and thereby assuring the affordability of coverage. To the extent that H.B. 5018 drives a collective discussion by all stakeholders in the health care delivery system around ways to deliver high quality affordable health care, we believe it is a positive step forward and look forward to working through the details of the bill with the proponents.

Many thanks for the opportunity to comment.