

STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF RAISED BILL No. 1054:
IN FAVOR OF AN ACT ESTABLISHING A STATE HOME HEALTH AND HOSPICE OMBUDSMAN.

It is much appreciated that the State of Connecticut has Ombudsman to help assure that there is fairness and resolution in situations involving hospitals or nursing homes and their patients or residents. This was apparent to me in relation to a nursing home in which my elderly mother-in-law was a dependent resident.

It is now time that this successful practice be extended to provide ombudsman for situations involving home health care and hospice.

All participants, including the state, have an interest in keeping people out of the more expensive hospital and nursing home environments. This is especially important as the baby boomer population ages. Its numbers have consequences. And baby boomers, like the rest of us, need assurance of protection, and a neutral source of reconciliation should this be needed.

Please enact bill 1054.

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