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My name is Dr. Michael Genovesi. I am a volunteer member of the board of directors of the Hospital for Special Care in New Britain, CT. I am writing this to ask you to support the request of a 4% increase in Medicaid reimbursement for patient care in the upcoming state budget.

I am recently retired but practiced Pulmonary and Critical Care Medicine as well as Internal Medicine for more than 45 years in New Britain. I was able to see first-hand the great benefits that HFSC provided to our patients after they were discharged from our acute hospitals. After transfer out of the acute care setting they often remained very ill needing ventilators and other specialized interventions such as dialysis, cardiac pump assistance, feeding tubes, etc., which could not be handled by any other institution. The options were continued stay in acute care hospitals or transfer to HFSC for the extended recuperation.

I have remained as a volunteer member of the HFSC because I strongly believe in their mission. They are caring for the most critically ill long term infant, pediatric and adult patients who would be unable to get similar care anywhere else in the state. The cost of providing that care has increased very significantly but the Hospital for Special Care has not had an increase in their Medicaid rate since 2007.

In addition, they have a very large outpatient department caring for patients with severe neuromuscular disease such as ALS, Muscular Dystrophy and traumatic brain injuries. They are also caring for both inpatient and outpatient children and young adults with severe Autism. The state cannot afford to lose such an asset as the Hospital for Special Care.

Thank you for considering our request for support.

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