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Testimony of Peter J. Adamo, CEO
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Public Hearing on Hospital Settlement Agreement

Appropriations Committee
Finance Revenue and Bonding Committee
Human Service Committee
Public Health Committee

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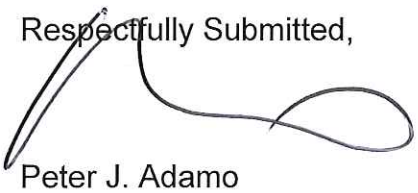
On behalf of Waterbury Hospital, I submit this testimony in **support** of the proposed Settlement Agreement by and between the Connecticut Hospital Association and the State of Connecticut. This settlement is good for the State of Connecticut, as well as the hospitals throughout the State and the communities they serve.

Waterbury Hospital is the second-largest employer in Waterbury, after the City of Waterbury itself, with approximately 2,200 employees, including full-time, part-time and per diem employees. Waterbury Hospital is licensed for 357 beds. Each year we care for approximately 13,000 inpatients, treat more than 173,000 people in our outpatient medical clinics and handle more than 55,000 Emergency Department visits. Our Behavioral Health Center, one of the largest in the region, logs more than 23,000 outpatient visits per year.

This agreement, when adopted, will provide hospitals and the State with stability and predictability moving forward. This is key for our community and our patients - it gives us the ability to appropriately plan and implement our strategic efforts to improve the hospital and the services we provide to the greater Waterbury community. The Agreement addresses Medicaid rates by providing for a modest, yet stable, rate increase. Additionally, it reduces the hospital user fee and still allows the state to maximize the federal reimbursement.

We at Waterbury Hospital appreciate all of the efforts of the legislature and the Lamont Administration to get us to where we are at today - a renewed partnership that focuses on stability, mutual benefit and ultimately what's best for the state and the communities we all serve. Please support this Settlement Agreement which will help ensure the health of our hospitals and the people we serve.

Respectfully Submitted,



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