



**TESTIMONY OF  
CONNECTICUT HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION  
SUBMITTED TO THE  
INSURANCE AND REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE  
Tuesday, February 25, 2020**

**SB 201, An Act Establishing A Task Force To Study Health Insurance And Health Care  
Inequity In This State**

The Connecticut Hospital Association (CHA) appreciates this opportunity to submit testimony concerning **SB 201, An Act Establishing A Task Force To Study Health Insurance And Health Care Inequity In This State**. CHA supports this bill.

Before commenting on this bill, it is important to point out that Connecticut hospitals and health systems provide high quality care for everyone, regardless of their ability to pay, and work to improve the health of those who live in our communities. Supporting Connecticut's hospitals strengthens our healthcare system and our economy.

CHA and its members seek to eliminate health disparities, improve health equity, and expand coordination of care across the continuum. Connecticut hospitals continue to work toward these goals in their local communities and collectively through CHA statewide initiatives. CHA's Unite Connecticut, an initiative that helps hospitals and community organization partners connect Connecticut residents with needed resources, is focused on improving care coordination and addressing social determinants of health.

The task force to study health insurance and health equity in Connecticut, which would be established by SB 201, is consistent with the work of CHA, its members and community partners, and will be helpful with efforts to improve healthcare coverage and equity in the state.

Thank you for your consideration of our position. For additional information, contact CHA Government Relations at (203) 294-7310.