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My name is Carolyn Wysocki and as Chair of the CABOH Leadership Council I thank the Public Health Committee for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of :

HB-5528 -AN ACT CONCERNING ESSENTIAL PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES.

To require local health departments to provide essential public health services as a condition for receiving certain state funding.

A new organization, the Connecticut Association of Boards of Health (CABOH) was established in 2012 as a section of the Connecticut Public Health Association (CPHA). The purpose of CABOH as written in our strategic plan and brochures is *to establish a statewide network of effective Boards of Health and public health partners that actively plan and support the provision of essential public health services in their jurisdictions.*

We are designed to provide: opportunities for networking among local boards, orientation and training specific to local BOH roles /responsibilities, and a platform for advocacy on important public health issues such as HB 5528.

Historically several Connecticut Board Members and Directors of Health were involved nationally over the years in the development of the 3 essential functions of Public Health, the evolution of 10 Essential Public Health Services and National Public Health Performance Standards.

This Bill expands Connecticut's Public Health System with opportunities for new and additional programs and services while at the same time inclusive of those that were in the current statutes. The recent Annual Report of the Central Connecticut Health District is an excellent example of how the current programs and services are already integrated within the 10 Essential Services. (See Attachment) You will notice that the report follows the outline of the 10 Essential Services and incorporates the programs and activities very easily into the format.

As an advocate for Public Health and in promoting and protecting the health of our communities, CABOH supports HB 5528.

Please Contact me if you have any questions about CABOH and Boards of Health

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