



Testimony in opposition to the following proposed recommendation:

“Require manufacturers, PBMs & health insurers to disclose to the Office of State Ethics the funding they provide to nonprofit patient advocacy groups, and post such information on a publicly available website.”

Dear members of the Governor’s Healthcare Cabinet,

My name is Michael Finley and I am the State and Federal Government Relations Advocate for the Epilepsy Foundation of Connecticut. While this proposed recommendation may have good intentions, it does, however, create additional burdens on non-profit health organizations to raise the necessary funding to operate effectively. This measure will act as a deterrent to outside groups from contributing to non-profit health advocate organizations.

It is already well known that funding is always a challenge for non-profit organizations in Connecticut. At a time when the public is relying on services provided by nonprofit organizations that advocate on behalf of patients or fund medical research, states should not create perceived obstacles that prevent nonprofit organizations from receiving funds for their activities that advocate for patients or fund medical research.

Due to these concerns, the Epilepsy Foundation of Connecticut respectfully opposes the implementation of this proposed recommendation that would act as an unnecessary burden on non-profit organizations throughout the state.

Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

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