



Testimony on Behalf of the Caring Families Coalition (CFC)
Before the Senate and House Republican Members of the Finance Committee
May 11, 2015

**S.B. 946: An Act Concerning Revenue Items as passed by the Finance Committee on
April 29, 2015**

Greetings to all members who are present here today. We are Maryellen Santiago, Community Organizer and Angela Lewis Shakes, co-chair of the Caring Families Coalition (CFC). CFC is a community organization whose purpose is to help create a health care system in Connecticut that meets the needs of all families and individuals. The members of the Coalition (CFC) are in support of the work of the Appropriations and Finance Committee and urge the adoption of a fair and adequate budget. We support the personal income tax changes, sales tax changes, and corporate taxes as outlined in S.B. 946. These taxes can bring revenue that will balance the state's budget. We feel that adopting these taxes are an excellent way to prevent cuts to health care programs like Husky A, state dental, and Medicare Part D co-payments.

Thank you,

Maryellen Santiago
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