



**TESTIMONY OF GLBTQ LEGAL ADVOCATES & DEFENDERS  
IN SUPPORT OF  
S.B. 227, AN ACT CONCERNING PRESCRIPTION DRUGS AND OVER-THE-  
COUNTER DIET PILLS AND SUPPLEMENTS**  
General Law Committee  
February 23, 2026

Dear Senator Maroney, Representative Lemar, and honorable members of the General Law Committee,

GLBTQ Legal Advocates & Defenders (GLAD Law) is a nonprofit legal organization that works in New England and nationally to create a just society free of discrimination based on gender identity and expression, HIV status, and sexual orientation. We appreciate the opportunity to submit this testimony in Support of S.B. 227, An Act Concerning Prescription Drugs and Over-the-Counter Diet Pills and Supplements.

Connecticut has been a leader on reproductive and transgender healthcare, including in the passage of Connecticut's shield law to protect providers and patients. S.B. 227 would build on this track record by adding another layer of protection for providers whose work is critical to maintaining access to essential and medically necessary healthcare.

S.B. 227 would permit prescribers to list the name of their practice or facility, rather than their own name, when prescribing medication related to legally protected healthcare – thus strengthening the shield against potential civil or criminal litigation targeting clinicians simply for providing legal healthcare services. As the healthcare landscape becomes ever more challenging in many parts of the country, the bill is particularly important for providers whom residents of other states have sought out for care.

As other states have increasingly imposed barriers to or banned the provision of transgender healthcare for certain populations, and as litigation against out-of-state abortion providers by jurisdictions like Texas remains ongoing, it is urgent that Connecticut do all it can to stand up for providers of legally protected healthcare. GLAD Law respectfully urges this committee to support S.B. 227 to safeguard our healthcare providers and the patients who depend on them.

Sincerely,

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