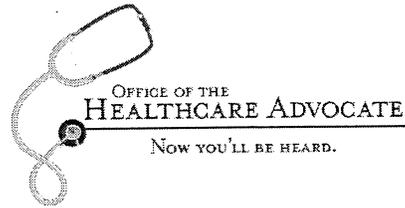


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Tuesday, January 11, 2011

The Honorable Chris Murphy  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515  
Fax: 202-225-5933

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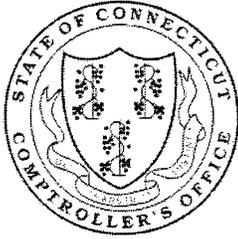


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U.S. Senate  
SH-706 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510  
Fax: 202-224-9750

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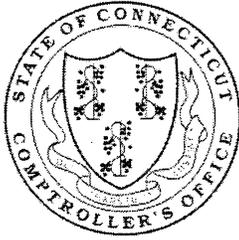


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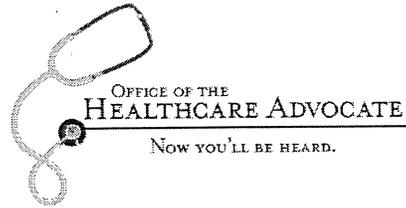


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U.S. House of Representatives  
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Fax: 202-225-9629

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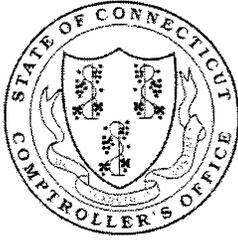


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Fax: 202-225-4890

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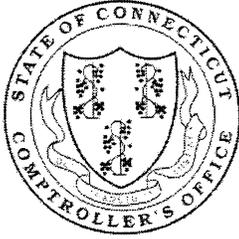


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Washington, DC 20515  
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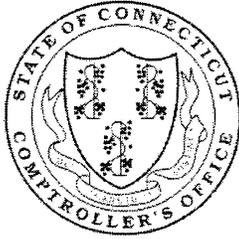


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G55 Dirksen Senate Office Building  
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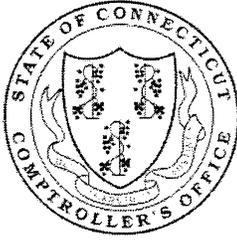


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The Honorable John Larson  
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