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Testimony Submitted to: Judiciary Committee Public Hearing - March 24, 2006

Re: S.B. 432 **An Act Establishing a Demonstration Project for an
 Office of Administrative Hearings**

CCIA Position: **Support**

The Connecticut Construction Industries Association represents approximately 400 contractors and subcontractors and affiliated professionals in the heavy-highway, commercial and industrial construction industry. Our divisions include AGC/CT, CT Road Builders Association, Utility Contractors Association of CT, CT Ready-Mixed Concrete Association, the Equipment Dealers Division, and the In-Plant Division.

CCIA supports an Office of Administrative Hearings to provide a more equitable method to resolve some of the many problems that arise when state agencies and/or their various boards or commissions initiate a complaint or a claim and act as the investigator, the prosecutor, the judge and the jury in numerous instances that impact both employers and employees in this state.

The proposed office, headed by a Chief Administrative Law Judge, will provide a hearing process that will deal objectively with all concerned and be free from bias or favoritism.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

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