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Since my schedule does not permit me to testify today, I am submitting written comments on behalf of the Connecticut State University System (CSUS) in support of Senate Bill 686, *An Act Concerning the Applicability of Certain State Contracting Requirements*.

First, let me commend the proponents of Senate Bill 686 for recognizing the need for clarification of exemptions for contracts between the State and the United States government and contracts between the State and a municipality of the State.

However, we respectfully request that you consider an additional clarification to PA 07-142, *An Act Concerning Procedures for the Hearing of Complaints Against State Contractors and Subcontractors by the Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities and the Documentation of Nondiscrimination Policies Adopted by State Contractors*. We have worked with CHRO and the Attorney General's Office on contracts to which the state is a party and which provide for the transfer or exchange of students, staff and faculty to, from, or between one or more educational institutions. Since last year, twelve exemptions have been granted to the Connecticut State University System, and, of that, ten have been related to student affiliations with out-of-state or out-of-country educational institutions. Our students are affiliated with a number of internationally recognized educational institutions in China, Lebanon Ecuador, Brazil, Hungary, Japan and France. The CSUS believes strongly in these global experiences and their value for our students and the State. This clarification would ensure that such global partnerships continue in the future.

Thank you for the opportunity to share my comments with you today. Please feel free to contact Jill E. Ferraiolo, Associate Vice Chancellor for Government Relations/ Communications, should you have any questions.