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PLUMBING HEATING COOLING CONTRACTORS OF CONNECTICUT

**TESTIMONY
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CT PLUMBING, HEATING & COOLING CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION
BEFORE THE
COMMERCE COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 17, 2009**

RE: SUPPORT – HB-5930, AN ACT REQUIRING SMALL BUSINESS IMPACT ANALYSES FOR PROPOSED REGULATIONS

The Connecticut Plumbing, Heating & Cooling Contractors Association (CT-PHCC) *supports HB-5930, An Act Requiring Small Business Impact Analyses for Proposed Regulations*, which will help address concerns of small businesses regarding burdensome state regulations.

HB-5930 will create a more transparent process for adopting new regulations that will help our industry by giving us more opportunity to weigh in on proposed regulations. Although the occupational licensing boards within the state Department of Consumer Protection and trade associations like CT-PHCC do a great job in shaping regulations affecting the plumbing trades, there are often regulations adopted by other agencies that make it more difficult for us to operate or affect the scope of our licenses.

The vast majority of our members are small, family-owned businesses that do not have legal counsel or other staff available to assist in complying with the countless regulations affecting our business. We therefore support HB-5930, which will give us a stronger voice in ensuring that a regulation's impact on small business is considered.

CT-PHCC therefore urges your support for HB-5930.

CT-PHCC is a not-for-profit trade association that represents the professional plumbing, heating and cooling contractors in the State of Connecticut. CT-PHCC and its members are committed to protecting the health and safety of the public. Contractors who belong to the association have demonstrated reliability and trustworthiness and are licensed by the state of Connecticut.