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THE MILFORD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
THE NORTHWEST CONNECTICUT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE*

BEFORE THE LEGISLATURE'S COMMERCE COMMITTEE  
10:00 AM, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2009  
ROOM 1D, LEGISLATIVE OFFICE BUILDING

Good morning. My name is Marshall R. Collins. I am appearing in my capacity as Counsel for Government Relations for the aforementioned six organizations (the "Organizations"). Collectively they represent more than 4,000 employers of approximately 130,000 men and women in Connecticut. The Organizations support the concept introduced by **SB 495 AAC An Affordable Business Climate** which would eliminate unnecessarily burdensome regulations.

At a time when the cost of doing business in Connecticut is rising we must find ways to retain and attract employers to our state. One way to do so is to work together to reduce the number of unnecessarily burdensome or obsolete regulations.

The Organizations have a history of working with state agencies such as the Departments of: Revenue Services, Labor, Banking, Insurance, Consumer Protection, Transportation, Public Utility Control and more. They are prepared to do so again.

The Organizations look forward to constructively participating in the development and passage of **SB 495**. They are encouraged that this positive concept has been introduced. This completes my testimony. Thank you for your consideration.