



Connecticut Business & Industry Association

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Good Morning Senator LeBeau, Representative Berger and other members of the Commerce Committee. My name is Jesmin Basanti, Staff Attorney for the Connecticut Business and Industry Association (CBIA). CBIA represents approximately 10,000 member companies in virtually every industry and the vast majority of our member companies have fewer than 50 employees.

As our economy continues to move towards sustainable green industries, Connecticut will need to ensure that our workforce is equipped with the skills necessary to work and grow in this new atmosphere. For this reason CBIA **supports** the creation of a green industry job training program as indicated in **HB 1068**. CBIA has been working with regional workforce development boards on an Advanced Manufacturing grant to assist in this area and our members agree it is vital to our state's success. We understand that state may be receiving funds from the federal stimulus package that could assist in this area and it is equally as important to ensure that Connecticut can be successful in future bidding processes when applying for further assistance from the federal government to create green jobs and promote green energy and conservation.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify today and I would be happy to answer any questions that you may have.