

March 2, 2009

The Committee on Commerce
State of Connecticut General Assembly
Legislative Office Building
Hartford, CT 06106

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in support of Raised Bill No. 1067 AN ACT CONCERNING TECHNOLOGY AND ECONOMIC GROWTH. Passage of this bill will enhance the ability of new and emerging high technology businesses to grow and stay in Connecticut.

Arbor Fuel is a relatively young biofuel R&D company founded in Connecticut. Even though this is an area of very high interest, we initially struggled to find investors, locate laboratory locations, insurance, and all the other things necessary for a startup biotech company. Organizations like the Innovation Pipeline Accelerator organized under the Connecticut Technology Council were instrumental in helping us find incubator lab space and angel investors in Connecticut. They were also very helpful in making connections throughout the state, supplying feedback on our business plan, and providing forums and recognition which offer validation and positive public relations.

I am asking you to support this bill because I have seen first hand how organizations such as those described by the bill assist fledgling companies such as Arbor Fuel. As you undoubtedly know, most jobs are created by small businesses. Helping small businesses thrive will foster a stronger, more vibrant Connecticut, and improve the future of Connecticut's economy.

Thank you for taking the time to read of my input regarding Bill No. 1067.

Regards,



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