



Connecticut Business & Industry Association

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Good Morning Senator LeBeau, Representative Berger and all 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.

One of the very important messages CBIA keeps stating over and over again is that Connecticut needs to create a better business climate. And most seem to agree this is true, however, actions speak louder than words and that is why CBIA supports:

- **SB 582 – An Act Creating a Stronger State Economy and Better Business Climate;**
- **SB 50 – An Act Concerning the Competitiveness of Connecticut as a Place to do Business.**

It is unyieldingly important to develop a good business climate, within which private sector activity actually flourishes. This leads to entrepreneurial potential being realized, efficient contracting, higher productivity, job creation, and overall economic growth. A bad business climate results not only in the general inability of the state to attract investment and business, but also leads to economic dumping where the state ends up expending valuable resources on overcoming regulatory burdens rather than on productive activities.

Measures like these two will not only garner the support of the business community but will reaffirm their belief that state government understands the importance of keeping them viable and in Connecticut.

Please support SB 50 and SB 582. Thank you for granting me the opportunity to testify today.