

**Testimony of Kevin R. Hennessy
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My name is Kevin Hennessy. I am a staff attorney for the Connecticut Business and Industry Association (hereinafter "CBIA"). CBIA represents approximately 10,000 member companies in virtually every industry. They range from large, global corporations to small, family owned businesses. Approximately 90 percent of our member companies have fewer than 50 employees.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the following bills:

- **SB-641**, AAC *The Statute of Limitations for Medical Malpractice Actions with Respect to Acquired Brain Injury*;
- **SB-1026**, AAC *The Tolling of Time Periods for Bringing a Civil Action While Police Investigations are Pending*;
- **HB-6577**, AAC *The Tolling of the Statute of Limitations for a Negligence Action by a Minor*;
- **SB-1090**, AAC *the Collection and Disclosure of Social Security Numbers*;
- **SB-1030**, AAC *the Apportionment of Liability After a Claim is Withdrawn*;
and
- **SB-963**, AAC *the Connecticut Business Corporation Act*.

The following written testimony is separated by issue area.



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The Collection and Disclosure of Social Security Numbers

CBIA supports the intent of **SB 1090**, *AAC the Collection and Disclosure of Social Security Numbers*. Identity theft is a very serious problem that's affecting individual citizens and businesses alike. It endangers private lives and Connecticut's economy. **SB 1090** expands and clarifies Connecticut's existing privacy laws by requiring the state to comply with existing law and protect personal information. This is positive and CBIA supports it.

However, the removal of Section 2 (d) in the bill is problematic. Removing Section 2 (d) will subject certain entities to dual regulation in Connecticut. The existing language is clear that entities subject to regulation via one state agency would be subject to that same state agency regarding privacy regulation. Administrative consistency is good for businesses and will help them comply with the positive privacy requirements enacted in law.

CBIA requests that the Judiciary Committee remove the brackets and retain the current Section 2 (d) in **SB 1090**.