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In Support of
HB 6546, AAC Employment Impact Statements for the Budget, Budget
Implementer and Budget Reconciliation Bills

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Connecticut Association of Nonprofits (CT Nonprofits) represents 530 nonprofit organizations in Connecticut, 300 of which receive state funding to provide health and human services on its behalf.

CT Nonprofits supports HB 6546, *An Act Concerning Employment Impact Statements for the Budget, Budget Implementer and Budget Reconciliation Bills*. Given the downturn in the economy and the rise in unemployment, it would be prudent for the Legislature to consider the impact that any decisions regarding the budget will have on employment in this state. For instance, any cuts to health and human services in the state budget will inevitably result in layoffs at nonprofits. A decision such as this will create job loss that results in diminished capacity to provide quality services to our state's most vulnerable residents. It's a far reaching decision that affects countless individuals.

We encourage the Legislature to support this measure and carefully consider the impact of budget decisions on employment in Connecticut. During these difficult economic times, the state must do all it can to promote job growth and avoid any further job loss.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

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