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Testimony of Rep. Mary Mushinsky (85<sup>th</sup>) in Support of Proposed S.B. 175, AN ACT  
ESTABLISHING THE CONNECTICUT COMPETITIVENESS COUNCIL  
Before the Commerce Committee February 25, 2010

This bill seeks to more fully utilize the existing Competitiveness Council. Program Review & Investigations Committee, which I co-chair with Sen. John Kissel, has also recommended greater use of the panel in Sec. 127 of PRI's R.B. 308, an extensive economic development consolidation bill based on the report of our research staff.

I believe the Competitiveness Council is potentially a valuable tool for state economic recovery because it directs diverse stakeholders to work as a team towards improving the state's economic future.