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**TESTIMONY SUBMITTED TO THE FINANCE REVENUE AND BONDING
COMMITTEE**

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SB 485 AN ACT CONCERNING TAX FAIRNESS

The Department of Economic and Community Development (DECD) offers the following information in **opposition** to *SB 485 An Act Concerning Tax Fairness*.

The department believes that requiring unitary reporting for corporations will discourage investment and, in general, make Connecticut a less attractive environment in which to do business. This legislation will have many uncertain impacts on state revenues and employers' taxes, but we do know that unitary reporting is complicated and costly to administer for both taxpayers and the state.

Connecticut has lost over 100,000 jobs in this economic downturn. The state already ranks among the top states for the cost of healthcare, utilities and taxes. This is clearly not the time to add any additional administrative burdens on Connecticut businesses as proposed under SB 485.

We would strongly urge the committee to not take favorable action on this proposal in order to keep the state competitive during these uncertain economic times.

Thank you for consideration of the department's comments on this bill.