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Good day. My name is Pete Gioia. I am the economist for the Connecticut Business and Industry Association (CBIA). CBIA represents about 10,000 firms, which employ about 700,000 women and men in Connecticut. Our membership includes firms of all sizes and types, the vast majority of which are small businesses with fewer than 50 people.

CBIA would like to comment upon the following bills we support -- SB 1127, SB 1128, SB 1129, SB 1130, HB 6522, HB 6521, HB6523, and HB 6524. CBIA is encouraged that these bills permit the committee to seek detailed data on which agencies have exceeded authorized appropriations as well as review of the cost-effectiveness and priority of programs in major agencies and budget areas. CBIA feels this added information will assist the committee in making ever increasingly sound budget decisions. We encourage the committee to also put in place review processes such as Results Based Accountability (RBA) to ensure a steady annual flow of outcome measure information to best guide the committee in its deliberations.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.