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Commerce Committee
Room 110, Capitol Building
Hartford, CT 06106

To: Members of the Commerce Committee

Re: SB 1019, An Act Expediting the State Permitting Process

We are writing you today to offer the support of the Middlesex Chamber for SB 1019, *An Act Expediting the State Permitting Process*. Our Chamber is a dynamic business organization with over 2350 members that employ over 50,000 people. We believe that the provisions of this bill represent a significant step forward for the Department of Environment Protection and the economic development initiatives of our state.

The bill states that, "all reasonable efforts shall be made by the department to issue a tentative determination to grant or deny a permit not later than 45 days (down from 180) after the department determines that the application materials are sufficient. This is a very encouraging line that enjoys the support of our Chamber.

In closing, we want to reiterate the support of the Middlesex Chamber for SB 1019. The statement of purpose for this bill, *To expedite the state's permitting process and stimulate economic development*, is very positive and should be embraced. Thank you for the opportunity to be on the record.

Sincerely,

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