



CONNECTICUT BUSINESS & INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION

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My name is Kevin Hennessy. I am an Assistant Counsel for the Connecticut Business and Industry Association (hereinafter "CBIA"). CBIA represents approximately 10,000 member companies in virtually every industry. They range from large, global corporations to small, family owned businesses. The vast majority of our member companies have fewer than 50 employees.

CBIA supports **SB 880, An Act Concerning the Publication of State Agency Regulations on the Internet**. This bill would give web-based access to all state regulations. Currently, it is difficult for some businesses to access agency regulations.

Policy measures which increase business confidence in state government are vital to a positive business climate. Connecticut companies want to comply with every pertinent state regulation governing their business operations, but finding and knowing those standards is often difficult.

By making the regulations available online, state government is encouraging confidence in the rules, promoting awareness of what state agencies are currently doing and minimizing the opportunity for mistakes. SB 880 will make it easier and more efficient for regulations to be found and known by businesses.

While some state agencies are ahead of the curve and have already published their regulations online, this bill will make sure it is the rule and not the exception.

CBIA and its members support SB 880 as a legislative measure that effectuates positive change and increases the flow of information from state government. Thank you for raising this bill and offering us the opportunity to comment.