



MOTION PICTURE ASSOCIATION

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**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF
CONNECTICUT RAISED HOUSE BILL 6619
An Act Concerning Unfair Business Practices**

**TESTIMONY OF
VANS STEVENSON
SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT
STATE GOVERNMENT AFFAIRS**

**Committee On Judiciary
State Capitol
Hartford, Connecticut
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- The Motion Picture Association of America and its member companies are pleased to support Raised House Bill 6619. More specifically we strongly support Microsoft's objectives to protect against the unlawful use of their intellectual property and software products. Our companies are creators of valuable intellectual property. We are partners with Microsoft and share a common goal of protecting software, motion pictures, television programs and all intellectual property from theft and counterfeiting. MPAA members include Disney Studios, Twentieth Century Fox, Paramount Pictures, Sony Pictures Entertainment, Universal Studios and Warner Bros.

- Like Microsoft, our members invest millions of dollars not only to create high-quality, cutting edge IP, but also in the fight against the theft of that IP. Such theft is plainly wrong, negatively affects job creation and the strength of our economy, and merits the serious attention of both the private and public sectors.
- We believe that this legislation strikes the right balance. This bill will provide a critical legal tool at the state level for Microsoft and other software companies to combat the use of counterfeit software in the manufacturing process...and it protects business and industry from frivolous or unwarranted litigation.