



CONNECTICUT BUSINESS & INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION

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**H.B. 6096 AA Preserving Good Cause for Late Filing of Certain
Unemployment Compensation Appeals**

Good Afternoon Senator Prague, Representative Zalaski and other members of the Committee. My name is Kia Murrell and I am Assistant Counsel at the Connecticut Business and Industry Association (CBIA). CBIA representing more than 10,000 companies throughout the state of Connecticut, but most of our members are small businesses of 50 or fewer employees.

H.B. 6096 seeks to clarify the unemployment compensation appeals process by allowing claimants to appeal after the twenty-one-day deadline, provided they can demonstrate good cause for the late filing appeal. Similar measures have been proposed in the past but for reasons unknown failed to become enacted. Insofar as CBIA can anticipate little to no fiscal impact on the unemployment appeals process and the clarification is applied even-handedly to the benefit of both employers and employees alike, we can find no reason not to support this legislations.

Therefore, we urge the Committee to adopt H.B. 6096.