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TESTIMONY BEFORE THE PROGRAM REVIEW & INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE  
REGARDING RAISED HOUSE BILL 6482  
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Good afternoon, my name is Paul Brady. I am the Executive Director of the American Council of Engineering Companies of Connecticut, representing some 100 consulting engineering firms and over 1,200 employees in the state. I would like to testify in support of Raised House Bill 6482, *AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO CONDUCT A PILOT PROJECT BASED ON DESIGN-BUILD AND OTHER ALTERNATIVE CONTRACTING METHODS.*

Design-Build contracting has been used successfully by many transportation agencies around the world and should be an option here in Connecticut. The recent study done by the Connecticut Academy of Science and Engineering discusses the widespread use of this method as well as the advantages to the agency. Each project is unique and design-build will not be appropriate to all or even a majority of transportation projects. However, it should be an option that ConnDOT can use to deliver projects faster and/or at lower cost.

Design-build is but one of a number of alternate contracting methods. Other alternatives include involving private sector entities in the financing, operation and maintenance of transportation projects. These methods have the advantage of extending our limited tax dollars to provide important public transportation services.

This legislation will enable ConnDOT to gain necessary experience with these alternate contracting methods and we hope that this committee will advance this legislation.

Thank you for your attention.

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