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**Committee Bill No. 6217: An Act Encouraging Private Investment in the
Transportation Infrastructure of the State**

Position: CBIA supports this bill

Good morning. My name is Eric Brown and I serve as associate counsel with the Connecticut Business & Industry Association (CBIA). CBIA represents roughly ten thousand small and large businesses throughout Connecticut.

Connecticut continues to grapple with major transportation challenges including financing and efficient execution of high-priority infrastructure projects. HB-6217 proposes an immensely critical tool that will directly improve the state's ability to complete important projects on-time and on-budget.

Specifically, this bill would allow for the competitive procurement of transportation facilities through the use of design-build options with the private sector. This process would supplement the current design-bid-build method which, for many types of projects, is less efficient and more time-consuming. Design-build offers a viable and cost-efficient alternative to this status quo. Other DOTs around the country are adopting design-build as an alternative mode of project delivery for infrastructure projects. Doing so in CT will lead to significant cost savings and reduced delivery times.

Accordingly, CBIA strongly supports House Bill No. 6217 and urges approval by the Transportation Committee. Thank you for this opportunity to provide comment.