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Good morning. My name is Eric Brown and I am associate counsel with the Connecticut Business and Industry Association (CBIA). CBIA represents thousands of businesses of all sizes throughout Connecticut that provide hundreds of thousands of Connecticut citizens with good jobs and good benefits.

Thank you for this opportunity to voice our support for **House Bill No. 6139: AN ACT INCREASING THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF BRADLEY INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT.**

CBIA is pleased to voice our support of this committee's efforts to create a new governance structure for Bradley International Airport. This will allow the airport to better compete effectively in the highly competitive international airline industry, both with respect to passenger and freight business.

We are also pleased that Governor Malloy has expressed a strong interest in this issue and is considering a new authority for the airport. We look forward to working with your committee, the legislature and the Governor's office to bring Bradley International Airport to a new level of success that will benefit the economy and the people of our entire state.

CBIA would also like to express our opposition to:

- **Proposed House Bill No. 5391 An Act Concerning the Redemption of Scrap Metal;** and

- **Proposed House Bill No. 5950, An Act Requiring Junk Dealers to Require Proof of Identification of Persons from Whom Property is Received.**

These bills would place additional and unnecessary administrative burdens on many small businesses that provide a valuable service to the community and, like most all small businesses in our state, are struggling to survive in a very tough economy. We urge you to reject these bills.

Thank you again for this opportunity.