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Sen. Gary LeBeau, Rep. Jeff Berger and Members of the Commerce Committee  
Room 110, Capitol Building  
Hartford, CT 06106

RE: Raised House Bill No. 5343

Gentlemen:

Hampford Research is a small, family owned specialty chemical manufacturer located in Stratford, CT. The firm was founded 30 years ago by my father and provides specialty chemicals to the electronics, dental, personal care and adhesives markets.

I am writing to express my opposition to subsection 1(b) of Raised House Bill No. 5343.

The main issues I have are:

1. The potential requirement to report historical releases i.e. releases that have been (presumably) previously reported and
2. The lack of definition of a "minor" release (a lingering problem with the current state remediation standards).

It appears the reporting requirement could place a substantial burden on small businesses to review and assemble environmental reports on releases that occurred under previous owners/operators of a site. It would essentially require the performance of a Phase I Site Assessment (at a minimum) on properties NOT being evaluated for purchase or "transfer" as defined under Connecticut's Property Transfer Act which places (yet another) financial burden on small companies.

I urge you to remove subsection 1(b) of Raised House Bill No 5343.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have questions about how this legislation would affect a company like ours.

Sincerely,

Kate Hampford Donahue  
President