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

Dear Members of the Commerce Committee,

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

On Tuesday, the General Assembly's Commerce Committee will hold a public hearing on Raised House Bill No. 5343, An Act Concerning Economic Development Through Streamlined and Improved Brownfield Remediation Programs

Subsection 1(b) of the bill sets the stage for the creation of a new and incredibly broad spill-reporting program. Under this subsection essentially all spills of nearly any material and of any quantity in an industrial or commercial setting, including historic releases, would have to be reported to the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection. The reporting requirements alone will cost businesses time and money, but Section 1(b) could also lead to new cleanup requirements with strict time limits.

This is yet another business-unfriendly bill coming out of the Connecticut Legislature, and my company, chemswap.com, div. T.J. Banisch, LLC is opposing section 1(b) of this bill and asking the Commerce Committee to remove it before voting on whether to approve the bill.

"REJECT SUBSECTION 1(b) OF HB-5343!"

Sincerely,



Tom Banisch
General Manager