

March 13, 2012

To Whom It May Concern

RE: Testimony in support of raised house bill # 5466: An Act Concerning Social Enterprise Businesses

The Social Enterprise Business structure provides an opportunity for businesses and small nonprofits to remain competitive in the market while still maintaining a strong degree of charitable work. Social enterprise businesses have unique opportunities to support their communities in more profound ways by making a commitment to social issues while still being able to operate commercially.

As a small business owner, and founder of a nonprofit, I believe that values and purpose are the most critical factors in the success of small businesses. Social enterprise businesses embody the truest form of responsibility and benefit to the community and should be fostered.

As a concerned local businesswoman, citizen and environmentalist, I fully support social enterprise business and bill # 5466.

Best,

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