

To: Senator LeBeau
Representative Berger
Members of the Commerce Committee

Date: March 9, 2012

Re: Support for House Bill 5466 – An Act Concerning Social Enterprise Businesses

I am in support of this bill for the following reasons:

- It creates CT jobs that will stay in the state
- It is attractive to new graduates
- It solves community problems without state money
- It's innovative and creates a differentiator for CT economy
- Several other states have a similar designation

Plus, The Grove, New Haven's Small Business of the Year, would have formed as a social enterprise if possible in CT. We are currently working as a DBA of a 501c3. We would be one of the first to use this bill and reestablish ourselves under this new legislation.

Sincerely,

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