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Senate Bill 121, An Act Concerning the Provision of Development Services to Regional Economic Development Districts and the Authority to Pursue Economic Development Strategies

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UIL Holdings Corporation appreciates the opportunity to express to the Commerce Committee our support of SB 121, An Act Concerning the Provision of Development Services to Regional Economic Development Districts and the Authority to Pursue Economic Development Strategies, with a suggested modification.

As the parent company of The United Illuminating Company, we are an active participant in, and supporter of, Economic Development Districts in the communities we serve. In the New Haven area, the regional economic development organization is a private-public partnership that brings fifteen communities together to develop and implement comprehensive, strategic plans to retain and create jobs and increase our competitiveness.

SB 21 will support the work of regional economic development districts, leveraging existing resources, and stimulating job growth and business attraction.

We also support the Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce's proposed clarification of the bill that approved Economic Development Districts may apply for funding for services and projects included in the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) without additional DECD approvals.

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