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

Re: Raised House Bill No. 5343, An Act Concerning Economic Development Through Streamlined and Improved Brownfield Remediation Programs

As a business owner I stand opposed to Section 1(b) of the Raised House Bill No. 5343.

Although the title of the bill is laudable, under subsection 1(b) 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. Please understand that the reporting requirements alone will cost businesses time and money. Section 1(b) could also lead to new cleanup requirements with strict time limits.

With this bill and other pieces of legislation like it, the legislature continues to pursue an agenda that undermines the potential for business stability or growth in Connecticut. I respectfully ask the Commerce Committee remove subsection 1(b) before voting on whether to approve the bill.

Sincerely,

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President