



**Testimony
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Finance Committee
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RE: SB-356, An Act Concerning the Neighborhood Assistance Act

The Quinnipiac Chamber of Commerce supports **SB-356, An Act Concerning the Neighborhood Assistance Act.**

The bill enables companies organized as Limited Liability Companies, S-Corporations, partnerships and other pass through business entities to qualify for tax credits under the Neighborhood Assistance Act. A growing number of businesses in Connecticut and other states are simply not organized as traditional C Corporations. Therefore, state programs that provide tax credits to encourage and support donations to non-profit organizations are only reaching a fraction of the businesses in Connecticut.

By expanding incentive-based programs to include pass through entities, SB-356 will help support non-profits who provide valuable services in our communities.

We therefore urge your support for SB-356.

The Quinnipiac Chamber of Commerce serves more than 650 member companies from the North Haven and Wallingford area. We are the largest non-metropolitan chamber in the state.