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To whom it may concern: JUD

As a minority woman business owner (MBE/WBE) who has been based in Connecticut for over 20 years, I voice my support for:

- 1) formally separating the set-aside percentages in CT to better facilitate access to state contracts by MBEs versus having a single goal to cover both MBEs and WBEs;
- 2) continuing to analyze data that looks at the amount of spend by the state with MBE firms as compared to other entities;
- 3) standardizing the way state funds are used by municipalities throughout Connecticut with regard to contracting goals for MBEs, so that each municipality has plans in place that address diversity spend targets.

I urge you to support these objectives to enhance the environment for MBEs within the state of Connecticut.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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