

TESTIMONY TO THE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE
IN SUPPORT OF HB 5460 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MODEL PLAN FOR EMERGING
BIOSCIENCE AND PHARMACEUTICAL BUSINESSES IN SOUTHEASTERN
CONNECTICUT
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Senator LeBeau, Representative Perone, and members of the Commerce Committee, I am here to testify in support of HB 5460 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MODEL PLAN FOR EMERGING BIOSCIENCE AND PHARMACEUTICAL BUSINESSES IN SOUTHEASTERN CONNECTICUT.

My name is Robert Volkmann and I am the Chief Scientific Officer of a biotech, called SysteMedic Inc., located on the Avery Point Campus of UCONN. I work with 8 former Pfizer scientists who all are Connecticut residents. We work with companies and universities within the state and throughout the US. We would like to continue to house our company in the State but currently are really isolated because companies similar to ours are in current technology hubs like Boston, MA, San Diego, San Francisco. We could both benefit from a technology hub in SE CONN and also would be able to contribute to a vibrant hub in SE CONN. I strongly support HB 5460, HB 5460 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A MODEL PLAN FOR EMERGING BIOSCIENCE AND PHARMACEUTICAL BUSINESSES IN SOUTHEASTERN CONNECTICUT.

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