



City of New London
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Testimony on H.B. 5460

**An Act Establishing A Plan For Emerging Bioscience and
Pharmaceutical Businesses in Southeastern Connecticut**

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To: Senator LeBeau, Representative Perone and the Commerce Committee,

I am writing in support of House Bill 5460 and believe it will have a positive impact for the future of these businesses and jobs in Southeastern Connecticut. This is a good bill for the City of New London and all of Southeastern Connecticut.

House Bill 5460 is a comprehensive approach to creating a plan that will be sustainable for years to come and help create a business friendly approach to these sectors of the market. In New London we have several companies, which range from small to large businesses, that would benefit greatly from the passage of this bill

Myometrics, Lifepharm, Inc, Carwild Corp. are all small New London businesses that would be able to benefit from greater assistance from the State and DECD. These businesses are all involved with biosciences and a comprehensive plan and approach from DECD would allow them grow and expand which would create jobs and benefit Southeastern Connecticut's economy. In addition, we have Sheffield Pharmaceuticals which is New London's largest pharmaceutical company with 120 employees. They are currently in an old mill building and would benefit immensely from this bill and with increased program assistance and support from DECD and the State.

I want to thank the Southeastern Connecticut delegation for this bill and strongly urge passage.