

**Governor's Bill No. 842,
Committee on Finance Revenue and Bonding
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The Connecticut Construction Industries Association, Inc. is the most diverse commercial construction industry trade association in Connecticut. Formed over 40 years ago, CCIA is an organization of associations, where all sectors of the commercial construction industry work together to advance and promote their shared interests. CCIA members have a long history of providing quality work for the public benefit.

CCIA is comprised of nine divisions, including the Associated General Contractors of Connecticut, Inc.; The Connecticut Road Builders Association, Inc.; The Connecticut Environmental and Utility Contractors Association, Inc.; The Connecticut Ready Mixed Concrete Association, Inc.; and Connecticut Asphalt and Aggregate Producers Association. CCIA has more than 300 members statewide, including contractors, subcontractors, suppliers, and professional organizations that service the construction industry.

CCIA supports the bond authorizations in this bill because those investments not only create jobs and economic activity over the short term, those investments will also create the infrastructure to support economic activity, educate our workforce, protect our environment, ensure the safety of the traveling public, and maintain our quality of life for years to come.

During the discussion regarding the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), Congress identified infrastructure investments as agent of jobs and economic growth. According to the Associated General Contractors of America (AGC), an additional \$1 billion invested in nonresidential construction would add \$3.4 billion to the Gross Domestic Product, \$1.1 billion to personal earnings, and create or sustain 28,500 jobs.

One significant impediment to Connecticut's recovery has been a decelerating construction industry. While the state economy has been struggling, the construction industry continued to decline and shed jobs. For example, in 2012, the construction industry in Connecticut lost an additional 100 jobs from the previous year, ranking Connecticut 28th in the 12-month gain or loss.

This bill provides revenue bond authorizations for many construction projects across various state government programs. This can accelerate the economic activity the construction industry can provide and go a long way to ensure our prosperity into the future.

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