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To: Senator Beth Bye, *Co-chair*
Representative Roberta Willis, *Co-chair*
Senator Toni Boucher, *Ranking Member*
Representative Timothy LeGeyt, *Ranking Member*

From: The New Haven Delegation

Date: February 13, 2013

Re: Proposed S.B. No. 330 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A BUSINESS SUCCESS CENTER AT SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY

Dear Senator Bye, Representative Willis, Senator Boucher, and Representative LeGeyt:

We are writing today in support of Proposed S.B. No. 330 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A BUSINESS SUCCESS CENTER AT SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY. This bill would allow for the construction of a multi-functional center that would offer a variety of services to the business student population, including a 24-hour technology lab and additional classroom and work space. There will also be internship development and management, as well as academic advising, offered at the center.

Southern Connecticut State University is in need of $4.5 million in appropriations to cover construction costs and has pledged to raise the remaining $1.5 million necessary to complete the project through collaboration with the University's corporate partners.

SCSU currently delivers an undergraduate degree in business with concentrations in: accounting, economics, finance, management, management information systems and marketing, with an enrollment of more than 1,000 students. Additionally, the school offers a master of business administration degree for more than 150 full-time and part-time students; all of whom would be able to access and benefit from the proposed Business Success Center.

Furthermore, it is important to highlight that more than 85 percent of students that study at SCSU stay in Connecticut to seek employment. This Center will only support these individuals even more so while job hunting.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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Sincerely,

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