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Testifying in Support of PHB 5090 AAC The Legislature's Impact On Employment In The State

Good Afternoon Senator Osten, Representative Tercyak, and members of the Labor and Public Employees Committee. My name is Eric Gjede and I am assistant counsel at the Connecticut Business and Industry Association (CBIA) which represents more than 10,000 large and small companies throughout the state of Connecticut.

CBIA commends the labor committee for holding a public hearing on this proposed bill. The bill would require that every bill, resolution or amendment affecting employment shall be accompanied by a job impact statement that estimates the effect of the proposal on employment in the state, including the gain or loss of jobs.

Everyone agrees that our number one priority in this state should be job creation. Most people also agree that Connecticut needs to do more to attract businesses to this state. Despite that, a number of proposals are passed each year that hurt businesses and drive up their labor costs. Increased labor costs mean fewer jobs. Requiring these impact statements will help us identify and avoid enacting legislation that will lead to more job loss.

We urge the committee to support PHB 5090