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Good day. My name is Peter M. Gioia. I am the economist for the Connecticut Business and Industry Association (CBIA). CBIA represents about 10,000 firms, which employ approximately 700,000 women and men in Connecticut. Our membership includes firms of all sizes and types, the vast majority of which are small businesses with fewer than 50 people.

CBIA supports S.B. No. 297 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A UNIFORM STATE LICENSING PROCESS FOR PRIVATE COMMUNITY-BASED.

SB 297 will allow the private providers of state services to save money and achieve efficiencies by going through one coordinated licensing process. In addition, it's vital that state agencies coordinate all interactions with these providers, which will save them resources, too. A forthcoming study by CT 21 on not for profits and the state will call for such changes. We support them as good budgeting, good public policy and better procedure.

CBIA trusts that the General Assembly will welcome change that creates better outcomes for clients, providers and the budget in future years. Thank you for the opportunity to present this testimony.