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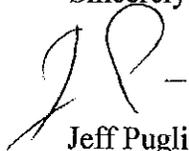
My name is Jeff Pugliese and I am Director of Government Affairs at the Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce in Middletown.

The Middlesex Chamber is an active business organization with over 2,450 members that employ over 50,000 people. I appear before you today to offer the support of the Chamber for H.B. 6028, An Act Concerning the Reconstruction of Exit 19 South on Route 9 in Cromwell.

Our Chamber believes that this bill initiates a major roadway improvement which will have a positive impact in the Town of Cromwell. Improving traffic flow and improving the safety of the highway is in the best interest of everyone who visits this area. This bill becoming law would also lead to an invigoration of Cromwell's commercial zone and would address the difficult traffic situation around KMart plaza. This is the kind of project that the state needs, one that will create jobs, produce economic opportunity and improve safety in a vital region of Connecticut.

In conclusion, I would like to reiterate the support of the Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce for H.B. 6028. Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,



Jeff Pugliese
Director of Government Affairs
Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce