

Appropriations Committee Testimony  
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Good evening Senator Bye, Representative Walker and distinguished members of the Appropriations Committee.

My name is Dan Bolognani, Manager of the Interlaken Inn in Lakeville, CT. as well as chairperson of the Western Connecticut Convention & Visitors Bureau, one of the state's three regional tourism districts.

I am speaking tonight on behalf of all tourism-related businesses in Western Connecticut—big and small, to thank you for your ongoing support of tourism in the state of Connecticut.

Your continued funding of both the state and the regional efforts show a commitment and understanding of the importance of tourism as an economic driver for our state. As I'm sure you know, tourism creates thousands of jobs and generates significant tax revenue both at the state and local level as well as providing a wonderful experience for the thousands of people who visit our state each year.

We are also speaking in support of the Governor's mid term budget which reflects stable and ongoing funding of state and regional tourism marketing efforts.

With your continued support both at the state and regional level, tourism will continue to grow as a significant part of the state's economic development efforts.

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