

TESTIMONY TO THE COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE  
IN SUPPORT OF Raised Bill 5574 **AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE  
RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SOUTHEASTERN CONNECTICUT BIOSCIENCE  
CAPABILITIES ASSESSMENT REPORT**

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Senator LeBeau, Representative Perone, and members of the Commerce Committee, I am Jayne Douglas of Waterford, CT and I am in support of Raised Bill 5574 **AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SOUTHEASTERN CONNECTICUT BIOSCIENCE CAPABILITIES ASSESSMENT REPORT**

I am a physician who has over 20 years at Pfizer leading the clinical trials of many of their new medications and 5 years consulting in strategic planning and leadership development for profits and non-profits. I am also on an innovation advisory board at Lawrence and Memorial Hospital. My focus now is on supporting organizations for better health, whether through new pharmaceuticals or community health programs. I am also active in supporting SECT and those of us starting up new businesses by involvement with the Southeastern Connecticut Entrepreneur's Network.

I was so happy to see the research that was supported to investigate the potential of reinvigorating SE CT as a bioscience hub. The talent, interest and passion here is astounding. Raised Bill 5574 has the potential to further support an environment of entrepreneurship in Southeastern Connecticut. I completely support Bill 5547 as essential to the growth of SE CT bioscience industry and its impact on the bioscience initiatives throughout the state.

Sincerely,

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