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Testimony on rHB 5576 AN ACT CONCERNING FUNDING FOR BROWNFIELD REMEDICATION AND DEVELOPMENT

Dear Chairmen LeBeau and Perone, Ranking Members Frantz and Lavielle, and distinguished members of the Commerce Committee:

I am writing in support of rHB 5576, which seeks to appropriate ten million dollars for the brownfield remediation account within the Department of Economic and Community Development. This is an investment in creating opportunities for commercial properties that are sitting idle across our state. According to the Connecticut Brownfields Inventory list over 280 sites exist across our state.

In my hometown of New Milford a 72 acre brownfield site exists known as Century Brass. The Town has tried to redevelop the parcel for over a decade using some local funds as well as grant support from the state. Unfortunately the site presents many challenges to attract a new business or several businesses to relocate to our Town. The parcel represents 15 percent of commercially zoned property in the town of Milford. It is in close proximity to Route 7 and rail lines and minutes from New York State.

I would ask that the Committee act favorably on this legislation and send to the Appropriations Committee to discuss further the funding aspects of the bill. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully yours,

Cecilia Buck-Taylor