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Testimony of the NFIB/Connecticut Leadership Council

By

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Before

The Commerce Committee

RE: S.B. 302 (RAISED) AND ACT CONCERNING AN ENTREPRENEUR IN RESIDENCE PROGRAM

We are writing to encourage the passage of S.B. 302, which proposes to imbed an entrepreneur in some or all of the State's various departments.

In our December 16, 2013 response to the Governor's Executive Order No 37, we suggested the establishment of a Regulatory Fairness Board modeled after an existing program by the United States Small Business Administration through the Office of the National Ombudsman. The Board would serve as a check and balance on the regulatory process, calling attention to regulations and enforcement actions that it deemed unduly burdensome or onerous for the business community. An imbedded entrepreneur, provided that individual was afforded a legitimate impact on the decision making process, would almost preclude the need for our suggested oversight. We would hope that the Department(s) would seriously consider the entrepreneur's input concerning the promulgation and enforcement of regulations.

The bill obviously contains no detail about either the entrepreneur's specific duties or authority; nor does it specify whether the position would be paid or strictly voluntary. However, the concept intrigues us and we would welcome participation in an exploratory committee to flesh out these details.