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Testimony

In Support of

Raised S.B. No. 419 An Act Concerning Hospital and Wellness Enterprise Zones

And

Raised S. B. No. 422 An Act Concerning Knowledge Center Enterprise Zones

Commerce Committee

March 11, 2014

Dear Chair LeBeau, Chair Perone, Vice-Chair Crisco, Vice-Chair Becker, Ranking Member Frantz, Ranking Member Lavielle, and Members of the Commerce Committee,

I am submitting testimony to urge the Commerce Committee to include language in SB 419 and SB 422 that will allow the creation of enterprise zones in municipalities in which postal service processing and distribution centers have closed.

Stamford is one of two municipalities targeted to close one of Connecticut's three USPS mail processing plants. The 427 West Avenue postal center will displace almost 400 mail clerks, handlers, sorters, and other personnel. Stamford is an economic engine to Connecticut, and the loss of such a large employer comes at the most importune time as the state struggles to not only create jobs, but maintain those in existence.

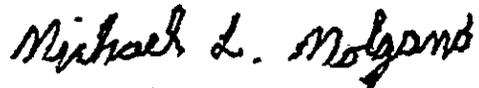
The prospects of these 400 USPS employees relocates them to New York, hurting Stamford and Connecticut's economy by moving jobs outside of the state. Creating an enterprise zone at the site of Stamford's postal service processing and distribution center will attract investment and companies to the area, thus encouraging economic growth and job opportunities lost to the termination of the mail service center.

The goal of enterprise zones is to grow jobs, and I strongly support the intent of SB 419 and SB 422 in setting the framework to establish zones surrounding hospitals and institutions of higher learning respectively. Let us not stop there. Let us provide opportunity to stimulate growth in the areas affected by the devastating closure of these large USPS mail centers as well by establishing enterprise zones at their locations.

Please do not limit the potential for economic growth in Connecticut; please include language in SB 419 and SB 422 to create enterprise zones in municipalities in which postal service processing and distribution centers have closed.

Sincerely,

Michael L. Molgano

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael L. Molgano". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "M".

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