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Good morning Senator LeBeau, Representative Perone and members of the Commerce Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on **HB 5164 AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR THE WATERBURY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.**

The reason for the request for the proposed project for a feasibility study and an architectural design for 777 and 835 South Main Street in Waterbury is for phase one to establish if there are any environmental issues with the two locations. Phase two of the project is to establish a plan to build a multicultural center with an adjacent park. The end use of the proposed project would be to build a public and private partnership with the City of Waterbury, State of Connecticut and private entities to take existing non-profit agencies that provide programs including, but not limited to: social service, educational programs, senior programs, job training programs and recreational programs etc. to work collaboratively under one roof, one stop shopping if you will.

The end use of this project will create jobs, provide entrepreneur opportunities and bridge existing agencies currently providing these programs in silos which represent many state and local mother agencies. It is for this reason that I would encourage this committee to endorse this bill in hopes of building a stronger more efficient community that will finally work cohesively providing these services to the community.

Thank you for your time.

