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Sen Fonfara, Representative Widlitz, Sen. Franz, Representative Williams and members of the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee I am Tim Phelan President of the Connecticut Retail Merchants Association and I am here today to testify in favor of **SB 369 "An Act Concerning Changes to Department of Revenue Services Statutes"**. As you know CRMA is a state wide trade association representing some of the world's largest retailers and the state's main street merchants.

Specifically, CRMA supports the changes called for in the bill that would move the due date for sales tax returns and remittances for certain retailers from the last day of the month to the 20th day of the month. This change would create a win/win situation for both the state of CT and many of our members. For the state moving the remittance date up to the 20th of the month would accelerate cash into the general fund quicker while for our members especially those that operate in multiple states, would now create more consistency from state to state. CT would now join 31 other states that require a 20 day remittance. This type of uniformity in sales tax laws eases the compliance burden on the State's retailers.

CRMA also strongly supports the new language proposed regarding tax delinquencies. We think that these are innovative, responsible measures to try to ensure that all taxpayers pay the taxes that are due on a timely basis.

Thank you for your time and I would be happy to answer any questions you might have.