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Good day. My name is Pete Gioia. I am the economist for the Connecticut Business and Industry Association (CBIA). CBIA represents about 10,000 firms, which employ about 700,000 women and men in Connecticut. Our membership includes firms of all sizes and types, the vast majority of which are small businesses with fewer than 50 people.

CBIA supports SB 350, and SB 351.

SB 350 codifies the LEAN initiative begun under the Governor through executive order. It ensures that the LEAN process shall continue even if administrations change. CBIA applauded the Governor's action in beginning a statewide LEAN process. It is essential for the future fiscal health of the state and to give citizens a better performing government.

SB 351 modifies the privatization process to streamline agency adoption in lower cost contracts. It will improve timeliness of service and efficiency.

Thank you for hearing this testimony.