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General Assembly  
Government Administration and Elections Committee  
Room 2200, Legislative Office Building  
Hartford, CT 06106

**RE: S.B. 351 – AN ACT CONCERNING THE ASSESSMENT OF PROPOSED  
PRIVATIZATION CONTRACTS.**

Senator Musto, Representative Jutila, and members of the Government Administration and Elections Committee:

My name is Travis Woodward, I am a resident of Hamden, and I would like to speak in favor of the cost benefit analysis bill, Senate Bill 351: An Act Concerning the Assessment of Proposed Privatization Contracts. I am an engineer for the Connecticut Department of Transportation and have 11 years of experience working directly for the Department. I am currently assigned as a chief inspector for construction projects in our New Haven office, District 3.

The Department of Transportation currently uses a low bid system to select contractors for project construction. It makes sense that the state should be responsible and perform cost benefit analysis on these contracts for the inspection, design, and administrative services to ensure that it is cost effective for us to utilize contractors rather than state employees on these projects.

The Department of Transportation's annual budget for construction is now pushing \$1 billion dollars, with the administration costs for those projects being approximately \$100 million (10%). These administrative costs include inspections, surveys, and personnel required to administer the project and are often contracted to a non-state entity.

An intensive cost benefit analysis could take 10 man-hours to complete and would cost the state less than \$500 dollars. Five Hundred Dollars. Once these analyses become routine, they will likely cost less than half of that. If additional cost benefit analysis resulted in a savings to the Department of just 1%, over one million tax dollars would be saved annually from construction inspection services alone. It only makes sense that before entering into a contract that we take the time and ensure these contracts are worth the cost.

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