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**Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce
Legislative Committee**

Commerce Committee
Room 110, Capitol Building
Hartford, CT 06106

**Testimony on H.B. 5275-An Act Concerning the Learn Here, Live Here Program and
Business Creation**

Members of the Commerce Committee:

The Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce supports the concept behind H.B. 5275-An Act Concerning the Learn Here, Live Here Program and Business Creation.

The Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce is a dynamic business organization with over 2,350 members that employ over 50,000 people. The Chamber supports economic development initiatives in our area and aims to be the voice of business in Middlesex County. We also have an active Affordable Housing Committee, designed to give the business community a voice in important discussions involving housing and our younger citizens. Finally, the Chamber has a terrific relationship with all of the local school districts. We collaborate on important issues such as youth employment, career exploration, mentoring, financial literacy and more.

The Chamber supports this concept and looks forward to being a constructive partner between the business community, and DECD, on the creation and administration of such an initiative.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony on this important issue.

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