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**Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce
Legislative Committee**

Commerce Committee
Room 110, Capitol Building
Hartford, CT 06106

**Testimony on S.B. No. 303- AN ACT EXTENDING THE RESEARCH AND
EXPERIMENTAL EXPENDITURE TAX CREDIT TO PASS-THROUGH ENTITIES.**

Members of the Commerce Committee:

The Middlesex County Chamber of Commerce supports S.B. No. 303- AN ACT EXTENDING THE RESEARCH AND EXPERIMENTAL EXPENDITURE TAX CREDIT TO PASS-THROUGH ENTITIES.

The Middlesex Chamber is a dynamic business organization with over 2,350 members that employ over 50,000 people.

In our 2014 Public Policy Agenda, the Chamber supported an expansion of the Connecticut Neighborhood Assistance Act Tax Credit Program to allow funding for municipal and tax exempt organizations by all types of business entities including "S" Corporations, LLCs, partnerships and sole-proprietorships. We promote and support a number of manufacturing workforce development programs, and understand that research is critical to the economic development prospects of Middlesex County and of Connecticut.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this important topic, and offer the support of the Chamber for S.B. 303.

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