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Re: HB 5660 AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROPER USE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.

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Honorable Senator Hartley, Honorable Representative Perone, and esteemed members of the Commerce Committee:

The Foundation for Fair Contracting of Connecticut ("FFC") submits this testimony in regards to Re: HB 5660 AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROPER USE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE.

The FFC-CT is an industry-sponsored organization. Our mission is to promote compliance with laws and regulations relating to public works construction. Specifically, we focus on issues concerning wages, classification of workers and apprenticeship standards.

The Department of Economic and Community Development plays a vital role in stimulating Connecticut's economy. As such, millions of tax payers' dollars are utilized in that process. The FFC supports this bill and believes that those who are in contract with the state, and who are receiving DECD funding should be accountable for those funds. In addition to demonstrating that funds are being used for the intended purpose, the FFC asks this committee to consider requiring that construction projects receiving economic development monies report out 1) the names of all trades contractors on the construction portion of the project; 2) the percentage of CT residents employed on the construction related portion of the project; 3) the total combined wages and benefits paid to trades employees employed by the trades contractors on the construction related portion of the project and in the aggregate; and, 4) any other information requested by DOL or DECD.

If tax payers are supplementing the costs of DECD projects, we believe they should know who is benefiting from the construction of these projects. Ideally, we want Connecticut's construction industry working on these project so that our workers are able to contribute to the economy. Reporting on DECD projects will enable us to know if Connecticut workers are being hired, and if part of DECD's economic objectives are being realized.

The FFC would welcome the opportunity to discuss this matter with the Committee further and thanks you for considering our proposal.