

GREATER  
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Chamber of Commerce

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Commerce Committee  
Legislative Office Building, Room 110  
Hartford, CT 06106

**Testimony in support of both S.B. 1017 and S.B. 1019**

Members of the Commerce Committee:

The Greater New Haven Chamber is a 220-year old business organization, serving the 15 towns in the New Haven region, with members across a large spectrum of businesses and non-profits that works to shape public policy and foster growth in the business community.

**S.B. No. 1017 AN ACT CONCERNING MANUFACTURING.**

Manufacturing plays an integral role in our state's economy. On that basis, the Chamber enthusiastically supports SB 1017 AN ACT CONCERNING MANUFACTURING as a tool to identify opportunities for manufacturing growth in Connecticut.

Specifically, we would urge that the study called for under this proposal identify areas where the public and private sectors can work together, such as with so-called "3D" or additive manufacturing technologies in order to develop an economic roadmap to diversify and strengthen regional economies.

**S.B. No. 1019 AN ACT CONCERNING THE FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION ON BUSINESSES.**

The Chamber enthusiastically supports S.B. No. 1019 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION ON BUSINESSES as a tool to help ensure that Connecticut takes the steps necessary to grow its economy and create jobs.

While unintended, new legislation often has the potential to sometimes place added pressures on employers – especially small and medium-sized businesses.

Connecticut has the potential to be one of the best states in the country for job creation and economic opportunity. Yet national reports consistently rank our economic competitiveness poorly, based on high taxes and costs and our aging transportation system. The aim of this bill is to help address this unfortunate condition by identifying proposals that would put pressure on our state's businesses before they become law. On that basis, the Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce strongly supports this proposal.

Together with public private partnerships and ensuring that new legislation does not put an undue burden on the business community we can make Connecticut a top 20 economy by 2017.

Sincerely,



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