



**TESTIMONY BEFORE THE
GENERAL LAW COMMITTEE
LEGISLATIVE OFFICE BUILDING
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My name is Jennifer Herz and I am Assistant Counsel for the Connecticut Business and Industry Association (CBIA). CBIA has been representing Connecticut's employers for 200 years and our goal is to foster a dynamic business climate. Our members include businesses from across the state of all sizes and industry types and we are proud to say the vast majority of our members are small companies employing less than 50 people.

CBIA is very concerned about HB 6810 An Act Protecting Consumers from Unfair Trade Practices.

CBIA is concerned about HB 6810 because as the bill is currently drafted the language is exceptionally broad. The current bill authorizes the Commissioner of the Department of Consumer Protection to adopt regulations to protect consumers. Since this general authority is not aimed at a specific issue CBIA is concerned that it provides far reaching authority to the department to develop regulations without the benefit of a legislative review of any such specific issue.

While CBIA also appreciates this bill may be viewed as a placeholder it remains a concern.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer CBIA's comments. I look forward to having the opportunity to work with the Committee on this issue.