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**SB 830 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PROGRAM TO ASSIST MINORITY-OWNED BUSINESSES IN OBTAINING PERFORMANCE BONDS ON CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS.**

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Honorable Senator Winfield, Honorable Representative Tercyak, and esteemed members of the Labor Committee:

The Foundation for Fair Contracting of Connecticut ("FFC") submits this testimony in support of Raised Bill 830 AN ACT ESTABLISHING A PROGRAM TO ASSIST MINORITY-OWNED BUSINESSES IN OBTAINING PERFORMANCE BONDS ON CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS.

The Foundation for Fair Contracting of Connecticut 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.

Providing bonding opportunities to minority-owned business enterprises offers opportunities to minority contractors who are seeking to be active and successful participants in the construction industry. In addition to providing bonding opportunities to MBE's, we encourage the committee to include veterans to this bill so that veteran contractors are able to participate in this program as well. Bonding is a significant barrier to many contractors getting off the ground and this program has potential to assist many small business owners within the construction industry.

Respectfully submitted,

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