

Testimony Submitted By Suzanne Bates, Policy Director for the Yankee Institute for Public Policy to the Commerce Committee in support of SB 697

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The Yankee Institute for Public Policy is a Connecticut think tank that develops and advances policy solutions to promote a smart, limited government; fairness for taxpayers; and an open road to opportunity for all the people of our state.

We support Senate Bill 697, which would create an “Entrepreneur Learner’s Permit.” This bill would give entrepreneurs an incentive to start a new business in Connecticut, and would allow them to enter into the risky start-up period without having to worry about paying the state’s many fees related to starting a business.

I want to thank the committee for taking up this important issue, and for sending a message that Connecticut is a state that can be friendly to entrepreneurs and to the open marketplace of ideas.

Connecticut’s small business community has struggled under the many taxes and fees imposed by the state government. The Entrepreneur Learner’s Permit would move the state in the right direction, by promoting the growth and development of new businesses, which could lead to greater economic growth and more jobs.