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**STATEMENT OF JOHN DICARLO, PUBLIC POLICY and ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
DIRECTOR for the WATERBURY REGIONAL CHAMBER for the COMMERCE
COMMITTEE on H.B. 1018 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING REGULATIONS
EXCEEDING FEDERAL STANDARDS OR PROCEDURES..**

March 6, 2015

Senator Hartley, Representative Perone and members of Commerce Committee, thank you for accepting my remarks into the record regarding House Bill 1018, An Act Concerning Regulations Exceeding Federal Standards Or Procedures. The Waterbury Regional Chamber, which serves 13 towns in the Greater Waterbury region and represents the collective interests of more than 1,000 businesses in matters of public policy and economic development, supports this bill.

The Waterbury Regional Chamber is thankful to the Commerce Committee and Governor Malloy for their continued focus on Brownfield remediation efforts. Greater Waterbury's industrial legacy is one of the highest ratios of Brownfields in our state.

While a number of these properties have been reclaimed in recent years, there are still many key locations that require extensive remediation. Planned uses for local Brownfield sites include a park for the Police Activities League, city public works facility, greenway and commercial development.

The Waterbury Chamber has invested considerable advocacy efforts in recent years to improve the state's Brownfield remediation process. These efforts have worked in concert on these objectives with Waterbury City officials. HB 1018 represents a very positive way to address what are currently stigmatized, and often prominent, properties and create opportunities for communities. It would further our region's economic development goals and we urge its passage.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
John DiCarlo