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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 5406, AN ACT AUTHORIZING AN INCREASE IN THE MAXIMUM AMOUNT OF HAZARDOUS WASTE STORED AT CERTAIN COMMERCIAL FACILITIES.

Good Morning Co-Chairs Senator Kennedy, Representative Albis; Vice Chairs Senator Moore, Representative Arconti; Ranking Members Senator Chapin and Representative Shaban; and esteemed members of the Committee. My name is Melissa Ziobron and I am proud to represent the 34th District, which encompasses the towns of East Hampton, East Haddam and part of Colchester. I am testifying in support of a bill that is being proposed by the Environment Committee— HB 5406.

During the summer I convened a Business Advisory Council in my district. There are members of many different vocations from restaurant owners to field engineers. This problem was presented to the group by one of our members. Connecticut has gone above and beyond the federal requirements and instead of allowing 6,000 kg of waste to be stored safely on site, they only allow 1,000 kg. While this may not seem like an issue, it is. Many small businesses now have to have this waste removed more often, which has become costly. It also puts waste onto the highway system more often.

Here is a chance for the State to make a small positive change that will actually save local businesses more money and remove the frequency of the waste from being on our highways. Thank you for your consideration.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Melissa Ziobron".

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