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TESTIMONY of
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Re: HB 6086 AN ACT EXAPANDING THE SET-ASIDE PROGRAM TO INCLUDE
MUNICIPALITIES AND STATE GRANT PROGRAMS.

February 25, 2015

Honorable Senator Cassano, Honorable Representative Jutila, and esteemed members of the
Government Administration and Elections Committee:

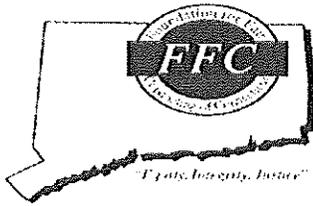
The Foundation for Fair Contracting of Connecticut ("FFC") submits this testimony in support of
Re: HB 6086 AN ACT EXAPANDING THE SET-ASIDE PROGRAM TO INCLUDE
MUNICIPALITIES AND STATE GRANT PROGRAMS.

The FFC-CT 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.

As noted in Conn. Gen. Stat. §4a-60g(8)(b), "there is a serious need to help small contractors,
minority business enterprises, non-profit organizations and individuals with disabilities to be
considered for and awarded state contracts for the construction, reconstruction or rehabilitation
of public buildings, the construction and maintenance of highways and the purchase of goods
and services." Since there is a recognition that government should assist minority contractors
and others to meet this need, it only makes sense that municipalities and state grant programs,
which utilize state monies on public construction projects be subject to the same set-aside
requirements as the state of Connecticut.

The goal of the set-aside is to provide opportunities to groups that otherwise would not be able to
fairly compete for these projects, due to bonding or capacity issues. Providing a set aside
requirement enables these groups to 1) compete, and 2) thrive. When small businesses thrive,
the economy grows and we all benefit.

Please support this bill to include municipalities and state grant programs so that small
contractors and minority business enterprises have an opportunity to compete and so that this
identified need is met.



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