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TESTIMONY of
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Re: HB 6906 AN ACT RAISING THE THRESHOLD FOR STATE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS
REQUIRING THE APPROVAL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND
COMPETITIVE BIDDING.

March 2, 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 regards to
HB 6906 AN ACT RAISING THE THRESHOLD FOR STATE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS REQUIRING
THE APPROVAL OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES AND COMPETITIVE
BIDDING.

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.

The current statute requires that no contracts valued at five hundred thousand dollars shall be
entered into without prior approval by the Commissioner of Administrative Services. This bill
seeks to raise that threshold to one million dollars. The FFC's position is that the threshold
should remain at five hundred thousand dollars as a means of ensuring that the state is
providing oversight of these major projects and that public bidding is maintained on these
projects. FFC supports the addition of "written" approval and the "notification to the Secretary
of OMP".

State oversight and public bidding on major projects is important to ensuring that tax payer
dollars are being used appropriately. Therefore, we urge the committee to maintain the
threshold of five hundred thousand dollars.