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To the Honorable Members of the Judiciary Committee,

Thank you for taking the time to learn why I support House Bill No. 7051 and House Bill No. 7052.

My name is Brandon Hall, and I am a Principal at Forstone Capital, LLC, a real estate investment firm located in Darien, Connecticut. Since our inception in 2007, Forstone Capital has acquired over 1,100,000 square feet of office, retail, and multi-family properties throughout Connecticut.

We own properties in Stamford, Westport, Dairen, New Canaan and Bridgeport. We are investing millions of dollars in Connecticut, and creating or supporting hundreds of jobs.

This legislation will show Connecticut is investing in its businesses.

Public corruption hurts businesses and keeps investors away. I see positive momentum with the state moving forward and these laws would help ensure we don't slip backwards.

Right next door in New York, legislation similar to the ones we are debating today, are already in place. New York is protecting the job creators and taxpayers from corrupt politicians. It's time we do the same here in Connecticut. This legislation will provide a meaningful deterrent and consequences to politicians whose actions could drive companies away from the state.

The state is moving in the right direction and we are happy to be doing business in Connecticut. Many of our projects have received support from Governor Malloy and his administration, and Bridgeport Mayor Bill Finch. We're happy to be working together with two supportive and business-friendly administrations in our efforts to help revitalize downtown Bridgeport.

I support the anti-corruption legislation. This is not because we have had a negative encounter. On the contrary, we have received outstanding support.

I support this legislation because we are a growing company that is investing millions of dollars in our state. Like any company, we ask only for a level playing field. This legislation, I believe, helps ensure that.

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