

Hello my name is Rosie Jones-Clarke. I am a business owner and long time resident in Bridgeport. I am respectfully writing in regards to two pieces of legislation being considered in relation to public corruption. I want to express my support for this legislation.

To be candid, I am tired of headlines whether in print or on television of public official from Connecticut highlighted because of corruption.

Unfortunately, it has been the norm, but we have the opportunity to change that now. That is why this legislation is important.

It is important to me as a business owner and it is important to me as a taxpayer.

I am the owner of Bright Morning Star daycare. Every day, parents entrust me to care for what is most precious to them – their kids. I have worked very hard to deserve that trust and I am blessed to have earned it.

I believe I deserve no less from my elected officials. I do my civic duty and cast my vote. When my candidate wins, I expect them to represent my community and family with dignity and honesty. When my candidate does not win, I expect whoever takes office to represent my community and family in the same manner.

I do not think that is too high of an expectation.

Much like I do not think it unreasonable for the parents of the kids for whom I care to expect me to be kind, understanding and compassionate.

It is not too much to ask for honesty from elected officials to represent my community, family and the parents of my kids at Bright Morning Star.

Unfortunately, we have all been disappointed too often. It is time to act and pass laws that will help prevent this from happening time and time again.

We have all heard the adage that starts with “Fool me once, shame on you.”

We have been made fools repeatedly, and we have the opportunity to pass meaningful laws that can prevent us from being fools again and hold officials accountable when they betray our trust.

I ask you to support House Bill No. 7051 and House Bill No. 7052.

It is the right thing to do.

Very sincerely,

Rosie Jones-Clarke