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Good day. My name is Peter Gioia. I am the economist for the Connecticut Business and Industry Association (CBIA). CBIA represents thousands of 10,000 firms, which employ hundreds of thousands of women and men in Connecticut. Our membership consists of firms of all sizes and types, the vast majority of which are small businesses employing fewer than 100 people.

**CBIA supports HB 2045 AAC REVISIONS TO THE SMALL BUSINESS EXPRESS PROGRAM.** This bill allows DECD to involve private partner lenders in the Connecticut Credit Consortium to help support small businesses applying for help in the small business express program. CBIA has supported this solid program and has heard many good things about it from our small business members. It essential that we do all we can to continue economic recovery and help these firms create good jobs.

CBIA urges the committee to approve this bill. Thank you for the opportunity to submit this testimony.