

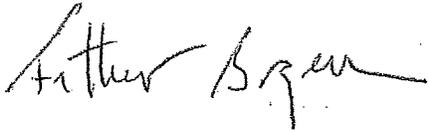
Connecticut Brownfield Land Bank, Inc.

2/29/16

Commerce Committee
RE Bill 5425

We are in support of the bill because we think that it would create a vital resource that will help support municipalities and the state as we tackle some of the most historic and challenged brownfield sites. We expect that land banks will help expand the capacity of smaller and mid-size communities to address the liability problems that have stalled so many sites. Our land bank is a 501 c 3 that is dedicated to brownfield outreach and project development. We also expect to bring additional philanthropic and private investment to match some of the state's remarkable commitment. Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Arthur Bogen". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Arthur Bogen, President