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To: CT. State Legislature Commerce Committee

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**RE: H.B. No. 5425 (RAISED) COMMERCE. 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING  
THE CREATION OF CONNECTICUT BROWNFIELD LAND BANKS'**

Khalilah L. Brown-Dean  
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I am the Senior Vice President for Grantmaking & Strategy for the Community Foundation for Greater New Haven. Our service area of 20 municipalities has many brownfield sites. We support Bill 5425 that will include land banks in the statewide efforts to reduce brownfields. We too support organizations that are working to reduce the human health risk and blight and improve the lives of our neighbors. This would be an important step forward for all of us.

Thank you for your consideration.

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