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To CT State Legislature Commerce Committee
**RE: H.B. No. 5425 (RAISED) COMMERCE . 'AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE
CREATION OF CONNECTICUT BROWNFIELD LAND BANKS',**

Good morning, I am the President and CEO of the Valley Community Foundation located in Derby, CT. There are many brownfield sites in the five valley towns, Ansonia, Derby, Seymour, Shelton and Oxford that we are dedicated to making a better place to live and work, both now and in the future.

We support Bill 5425 that will include land banks in the effort to reduce the human health risk and blight that is a burden in our towns. This would be another step forward in the ongoing work to improve the quality of life for our community and neighbors.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sharon L. Closius (KAB)

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