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## Statement on

### **H.B. 5272: AN ACT CONCERNING CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTION AND WARNING EQUIPMENT IN BUSINESSES AND RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS.**

#### **OPPOSED**

Submitted to the Public Safety and Security Committee  
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Good morning Senator Larson, Representative Dargan, ranking members Guglielmo and Zupkus and members of the committee. My name is Michael Barbaro and I am a REALTOR® and builder from the New Haven area and the 2017 President of the Connecticut REALTORS®.

This testimony is in opposition to **HB 5272, AN ACT CONCERNING CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTION AND WARNING EQUIPMENT IN BUSINESSES AND RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS**. The bill would mandate each business firm, shall equip its regular place of business with carbon monoxide detection and warning equipment unless such place of business does not contain a fuel-burning appliance, fireplace or attached garage by January 1, 2017.

The proposal removes the clarification as to what the extent of carbon monoxide the detector is required to detect in a residence.

The Association opposes this legislation as it creates yet another small business cost. Connecticut businesses are already strapped with extensive costs and taxes. It is also an unfunded mandate to our municipalities to expect every business to be inspected for compliance.

The proposal also makes residential requirements ambiguous and therefore very difficult to be in compliance.

CTR urges you to reconsider any new mandated cost proposal that comes before you that is otherwise already widely available voluntarily.

We do not support this bill. Thank you for allowing me to speak before you and I will try to answer any questions you may have.