
**TESTIMONY SUBMITTED TO THE GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION &
ELECTIONS COMMITTEE**

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Senator Cassano, Representative Jutila and members of the Government Administration and Elections Committee, my name is Karl Kilduff, Executive Director of the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority (CHFA). On behalf of CHFA, I am providing my comments in opposition to this legislation.

Senate Bill No. 439 An Act Concerning the State Contracting Standards Board and Requirements for Privatization Contracts

The Connecticut Housing Finance Authority is a quasi-public agency created by statute as a body politic and corporate and political subdivision of the state. The major reason for establishing quasi-public agencies like CHFA was their organizational location outside the structure of state government, which meant they could fulfill a public purpose by responding to problems and opportunities faster and more efficiently than a comparable state agency.

In the provision of affordable housing finance, CHFA has done just that. Through innovative, flexible and responsive approaches, it has provided for more than 132,000 single family homes to first time homebuyers and more than 40,000 affordable rental units to income qualified residents of the state. It has done this by partnering and contracting with public sector, non-profit entities, and private industry.

The implementation of this bill would constrain the ability of CHFA to continue to be an efficient and responsive entity capable of sustaining the success it has achieved. CHFA is a self-sustaining quasi-public entity that funds employee salaries entirely from its own resources. CHFA receives no budget allocation from the State for salaries or operations. Subjecting CHFA to the provisions of this bill requiring evaluation of privatization contracts and submission of determinations of staffing levels to the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management for budget reporting purposes would incur additional unnecessary costs and achieve no savings to the State.

CHFA opposes the application of this legislation to quasi-public agencies.