



February 26, 2016

Senator Gayle Slossberg, Rep. Kim Rose, Rep. Pam Staneski, Rep. Charles Ferraro
Legislative Office Building
Capitol Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106-1591

Dear Milford Delegation:

The Milford Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors supports BIC Corporation's request to clarify existing legislative language governing Consent Orders with DEEP to confirm that they are binding and enforceable as to all parties to the agreement.

DEEP recently took the position that it can unilaterally revoke or change Consent Orders at will and provides no recourse for the private party seeking a judicial opinion to enforce or interpret agreements with the agency. We feel this legislation needs to be amended to clarify that there is equal opportunity for the private party to have the same rights as DEEP to require compliance with an agreement. At this juncture the agreement is one sided as far as recourse is concerned.

There is real importance in the ability of the private party (in many cases members of the business community) to be able to be on equal and fair footing as agreements with state agencies are reached. The unlevelled balance as it currently exists is another barrier that needs to be breached as we continue to improve Connecticut's reputation as a great place to do business.

We urge you to review and support the legislative clarification proposed by BIC Corporation to Section 22a-6dd of the general statutes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathleen Alagno".

Kathleen Alagno, IOM
President & CEO

cc: Lynda Smith Tellier, Legislative Action Chairperson 2016
Dan Kiley, Chairman of the Board of Directors 2016
Ryan Sullivan, Corporate Counsel, BIC Corporation
Jeff Kupson, BIC Corporation