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The Honorable William Tong and Members of the Joint Committee on Judiciary
Legislative Office Building, Room 2500
Capitol Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106-1591

Dear Senator Tong and Members of the Joint Committee on Judiciary:

The Greater New Britain Chamber of Commerce joins with other regional chambers of commerce in supporting raised bill 431 regarding consent orders with DEEP. It supports the bill's clarification of existing legislative language governing Consent Orders with DEEP to confirm that they are binding and enforceable as to all parties to the agreement.

Without clarification, many persons or businesses, including those in greater New Britain, wishing to enter agreements to obtain finality regarding disputed orders will have no incentive to do so. Being unable to rely on agreements with DEEP would be another barrier to improving Connecticut's reputation as a great place to do business.

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

Sincerely,

Timothy Stewart
President