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Good Morning Members of the Higher Education and Employment Advancement Committee,

My name is Bryan Bonina and I am the President of the Congress of Connecticut Community Colleges (The 4Cs). I am here to oppose House Bill 7236: AN ACT CONCERNING THE EXPANSION OF CONTRACT POLICIES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT.

This bill would exempt UConn and the UConn Health Center from the state bidding process. The Department of Administrative Services website states that “the state government contracting process and procedures must be open, honest, fair and accessible at all times” (<http://das.ct.gov/cr1.aspx?page=15>). UConn should be held to the same standards as all the other state agencies, maintaining proper checks and balances on their procurement processes and procedures.

I strongly oppose House Bill 7236 and hope that this committee votes against it.

