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Good morning Senator Hartley, Senator Frantz, Representative Simmons, Representative Yaccarino, and distinguished members of the Commerce Committee:

My name is Ray Noonan, and I am submitting testimony today on behalf of Connecticut Voices for Children, a research-based child advocacy organization working to ensure that all Connecticut children have an equitable opportunity to achieve their full potential.

Connecticut Voices for Children supports S.B. 445. We commend the legislature for taking steps to ensure that policymakers carefully review and consider the consequences of the Commission on Fiscal Stability and Economic Growth’s final report. In addition to the current provisions, we would ask that S.B. 445 require the Department of Economic and Community Development to analyze the impact of the Commission’s proposals on children and families as well as on communities of color. We believe that doing so would help provide a more comprehensive view of the impact that the Commission’s proposals could have on Connecticut’s residents and on equitable economic growth for future generations.

Thank you for this opportunity to provide our support for S.B. 445. Please feel free to contact us if you have questions or need additional information. You can reach me at noonan@ctvoices.org or (203) 498-4240 x113.