



Testimony in Opposition to House Bill No. 6666, An Act Requiring the Prompt Payment of Contractors

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Joint Committee on Government Administration and Elections
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Dear Senator Flexer, Representative Fox, Senator Sampson, Representative France, and distinguished members of the Government Administration and Elections Committee,

My name is Kevin Dillon, and I am the Executive Director of the Connecticut Airport Authority (CAA). **I am submitting this testimony in opposition to House Bill No. 6666, An Act Requiring the Prompt Payment of Contractors.**

While we appreciate the flexibility being offered in this bill by adding a provision to allow for alternative payment terms agreed upon in a written contract, the CAA is concerned that setting the default deadline to 25 days would be impractical in many of our situations. The majority of our payments on capital projects must run through not only the CAA's financial system process, but also the system of our bond trustee. As a result, a 25-day deadline would be unworkable when achieving as many approvals are necessary for our payments. The CAA believes that the payment terms should be open to negotiation with no default deadline, to allow for longer terms or even shorter terms when the circumstances allow it. The CAA respectfully requests that the committee strike the default deadlines and leave payment terms to the negotiating process between the owner and contractor.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony. Please feel free to contact my office at (860) 292-2054 if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin A. Dillon". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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