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The New Haven Documentary Film Festival  
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Dear Co-Chair Rep. Horn, Co-Chair Senator Bradley, Vice-Chair Senator Osten, Vice-Chair Rep. Dathan, Vice-Chair Rep. Paolillo, and esteemed members of the Public Safety and Security Committee,

I am submitting this testimony for SB 146 on behalf of NHdocs, a film festival created to bring filmmakers and film lovers together. We promote local filmmakers by showcasing their work and creating a collaborative space for the community and artists to share, all the while fostering the next generation of filmmakers. We reach over 3000 people each year and over 100 student filmmakers. Artists and creative organizations have been disproportionately impacted by COVID-19, but are critical for restoring social connections, building cultural equity and racial justice, and supporting vibrant, healthy communities.

Invest any additional dollars in the Tourism Fund with the statewide agencies - CT Office of the Arts, CT Humanities, and CT Office of Tourism - to strategically help our industries through the pandemic. The pandemic has devastated Connecticut's creative economy. The federal government, private foundations, and donors have made critical investments to help our sector, but the economic crisis is far from over.

NHdoc supports this bill with the modification that the Tourism Fund receives a portion of the gaming revenue. The bill states that 10% or \$20 million, whichever is less, is earmarked for the "state-wide tourism marketing account," which was created in 2006 in section 10-395a of the general statutes to invest in the state's tourism marketing campaigns. This statute was replaced with 10-395b in 2017 to create the Tourism Fund, which invests in the arts, culture, and tourism industries.

Please consider adjusting this bill to name the Tourism Fund specifically as a beneficiary, also specifying that the additional revenue in this fund is invested in the statewide agencies - CT Office of the Arts (Arts Commission), CT Office of Tourism (Statewide Marketing), and CT Humanities (Humanities Council) - rather than the individual direct line item earmarks for organizations.

Support [SB 146](#) with the clarification that the Tourism Fund receives a portion of the gaming revenue  
Thank you for taking the time to consider [SB 146](#).

Sincerely,

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