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TO: The Commission on Connecticut's Leadership in Corporation and Business Law

RE: Structural Changes To Be Brought About Through Changes In The Joint Rules

The current joint rules do not provide a specific place where concerns of the business community can be brought for discussion. The exceptions to this are the committees on Banking, Energy and Technology, Insurance and Real Estate, and General Law (for matters that deal with alcohol, fair trade and sales practices, etc.). Please see attached copy of joint rules pages 2 to 10.

Moreover, the practices of these committees have been historically weighted towards regulation rather than promotion of these areas of business.

The one significant exception to this statement is the Commerce Committee. However, the Commerce Committee's cognizance is limited in scope. Under current rules and since the committee was initiated in 1989 the following has been in effect:

A committee on COMMERCE that shall have cognizance of all matters relating to the Department of Economic and Community Development and Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated.

The proposal is to add the following after the word "relating to":

Business and commerce not otherwise delineated under other committees including but not limited to manufacturing, information technology, pharmaceuticals, biotechnology, bioscience and all matters relating to the Department of Economic and Community Development and Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated.

With these changes the cognizance of the committee would then read:

A committee on COMMERCE that shall have cognizance of all matters relating to business and commerce not otherwise delineated under other committees including but not limited to manufacturing, information technology, pharmaceuticals, biotechnology, bioscience and all matters relating to the Department of Economic and Community Development and Connecticut Innovations, Incorporated.