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To: Senators Frantz and Fonfara and Representative Rojas, Co-Chairs  
Representative Davis, Ranking Member  
Members of the Finance, Revenue & Bonding Committee

From: Bill Ethier, CAE, Chief Executive Officer

Re: **Support HB 6372,, AA Repealing the Business Entity Tax**

The HBRA of Connecticut is a professional trade association with about eight hundred (800) member firms statewide employing tens of thousands of CT's citizens. Our members, all small businesses, are residential and commercial builders, land developers, remodelers, general contractors, subcontractors, suppliers and those businesses and professionals that provide services to our diverse industry and to consumers. We build between 70% to 80% of all new homes and apartments in the state each year and engage in countless home remodeling projects.

We strongly support repeal of the business entity tax. Connecticut must do something significant that sends a strong message, especially to small businesses, that we are turning the page from a tough environment in which to conduct business to one that welcomes us.

The business entity tax is a gut punch to thousands of small businesses that struggle to make ends meet and to eek out a living. It invariably comes at a bad time (of course, no time is good for what's seen as a punitive tax). At the very least, it should be imposed only on businesses that surpass a significant threshold of revenue, e.g., in the millions, so it does not touch small businesses.

Just as important as the money, the business entity tax makes business owners wonder why they're here in CT. It's a contributing factor to CT's continuing exodus of people and businesses. Please do something significant to turn the tide. Send a strong message and help thousands of small businesses in CT decide to stay in business and stay in this beautiful state.

Please support HB 6372. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this legislation.