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Honored Co-Chairs Sen. Hartley and Rep. Meskers, Vice Chairs Sen. Rahman and Rep. Keitt, Ranking Members Sen. Martin and Rep. Aniskovich, Distinguished Members of the Commerce Committee,

Re: Raised Bill No. 1403 - An Act Concerning Brownfield Remediation

The Council on Environmental Quality (Council) is a nine-member board that works independently of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) to assess the condition of Connecticut's environment and report its findings annually to the Governor; recommend actions to improve state environmental programs; advise other state agencies on the environmental impacts of proposed projects; and investigate citizens' complaints and allegations of violations of environmental laws.

The Council **SUPPORTS** the provisions of this proposed bill that would require the Department of Economic and Community Development to conduct a study of issues related to the remediation and development of brownfields in the state. The return of brownfield sites to productive re-use could reduce the need to develop "green" or undeveloped sites. The Council suggests that the study include an analysis of potential barriers to and incentives for the development of renewable resources including, but not limited to solar, fuel cells, geothermal, and wind on remediated brownfield sites.

Thank you for consideration of the Council's comments.

Sincerely,

Paul Aresta
Executive Director