Governor Lamont signed the following legislation of the 2024 Regular Session on June 6:

HB 5524          AN ACT AUTHORIZING AND ADJUSTING BONDS OF THE STATE AND CONCERNING PROVISIONS RELATED TO STATE AND MUNICIPAL TAX ADMINISTRATION, GENERAL GOVERNMENT AND SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECTS.
PA 24-151

**Upon signing this bill, Governor Lamont also issued a signing statement to the members of the General Assembly. That letter can be found on page 2 of this document.**

As of this date, the governor has signed 156 bills and vetoed 1 bill of the 2024 Regular Session.
June 6, 2024

Dear Honorable Members of the Connecticut General Assembly:


While I support nearly all sections of the Act, I would like to highlight Section 163. In 2022, my administration proposed and the legislature passed a law barring construction managers from bidding on any work on municipally administered school construction projects they oversee. Section 163 amends C.G.S. 10-287, in part, by removing that bar. The removal of that provision permits construction managers to select themselves to complete subcontracting work on school construction projects.

That process, known as “self-performance,” can lead to a lack of competition, a lack of transparency, higher costs, a higher risk of self-dealing, and exclusion of smaller subcontractors from the market. For these reasons, it is unsurprising that we prohibit self-performance by construction managers for state construction projects. It should also be prohibited for school construction projects.

I will sign Public Act 24-151 because of its importance. However, I am of the strong belief that construction managers should not “self-perform” any subcontractor work in school construction projects. I encourage the Legislature to reinstate the language prohibiting self-performance in municipally administered school construction projects to ensure a competitive and transparent market.

Sincerely,

Ned Lamont
Governor