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STATE OF CONNECTICUT

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The Honorable Denise W. Merrill
Secretary of State
30 Trinity Street
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Madam Secretary:

I hereby return, without my signature, Substitute Senate Bill 302, *An Act Concerning the Impact of Proposed Regulations on Small Businesses*. This bill expands the type of information that agencies must include in the regulatory flexibility analysis that accompanies each proposed regulation.

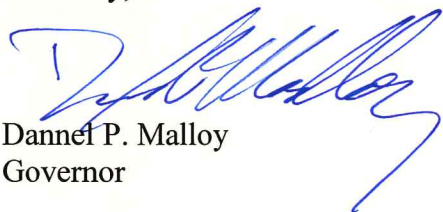
Under current law, agencies prepare a “regulatory flexibility analysis” with every proposed regulation to provide ways to minimize any adverse impact of the regulation on businesses with fewer than 75 employees. The bill proposes expanding this requirement to make it apply to businesses with up to 250 employees, and to require agencies to provide myriad additional information.

While I support the intent of this legislation – to better understand and measure the impact of our regulatory framework on the small businesses in our state – the language in this bill is overly broad and will place an undue burden on our agencies. For example, the bill requires that agencies identify “the total number of small businesses *potentially* subject to the proposed regulation,” yet provides no guidance on how the term “potentially” is to be defined.

I welcome the opportunity to work with the proponents of this legislation to address these concerns and to craft a more refined bill to alleviate administrative burdens our state’s small businesses without imposing too great a burden on our state agencies.

For these reasons, I disapprove of Substitute Senate Bill 302, *An Act Concerning the Impact of Proposed Regulations on Small Businesses*. Pursuant to Section 15 of Article Fourth of the Constitution of the State of Connecticut, I am returning Substitute Senate Bill 302 without my signature.

Sincerely,



Dannel P. Malloy
Governor