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**COMPTROLLER LEMBO TESTIFIES FOR MEASURE SUPPORTING
VETERAN-OWNED SMALL BUSINESSES**

Comptroller Kevin Lembo, in testimony submitted this week, announced his support for a state measure to relieve burdens on small businesses, particularly those owned by veterans.

In written testimony to the state legislature's Veterans' Affairs Committee, Lembo urged support for An Act Supporting Veteran-Owned Small Businesses and thanked the cosponsors for raising this issue.

Lembo said this legislation is an important step to relieve burdens placed on small businesses, particularly those owned by veterans, and stands to benefit our state budget and economy as a whole.

"Connecticut's veterans are an integral part of our community," Lembo said. "They risk their lives in their service to our country, and deserve our support as they seek economic opportunities and re-enter civilian life.

"One measure – as this legislation seeks to achieve – is to eliminate unnecessary burdens on veterans who have taken the risk of starting up their own business to realize their piece of the American dream and expand business opportunities for everyone in the region.

"If we can make it easier for veterans to create and sustain local businesses, the backbone of our state, then it will improve the quality of life and economic productivity not only for veterans and their families – but for our entire state budget and economy."

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