Testimony in Opposition to

S.B. No. 465 “An Act Concerning the Purchase and Transfer of Works of Art for State Building Projects”

Greetings co-chairs Flexer and Fox, Vice-chairs Haskell and Thomas, Ranking Members Sampson and Mastrofrancesco and members of the Government Administration and Elections committee.

My name is [NAME] and I am [STATE YOUR ARTS AFFILIATION]. We / I [IMPACT STATEMENT].

I’m here today to oppose SB 465 “An Act Concerning the Purchase and Transfer of Works of Art for State Building Projects” because the bill effectively eliminates the 1% for art requirement for construction, reconstruction, or remodeling of any state building.

If this bill advances, there would be a loss of work for artists, no new commissions and a reduction in funds available for maintenance of existing artwork. This is personally troubling because… [PERSONAL STORY RELATED TO YOUR WORK/EXPERIENCE]

The 1% for the Arts program has supported Connecticut artists through the commissioning or purchasing of over 400 works of art in its lifetime. It has beautified more than 65 state agencies, courthouses, universities, colleges, and technical high schools across the state. It has made a quantifiable impact in our state.

Art in state buildings instills pride in Connecticut’s creativity and imagination. This bill seeks to do just the opposite and make our public buildings sterile environments .

I urge you to not advance this bill. It is not in the best interest of the people of Connecticut. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,

[Name]

[Address]