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**STATEMENT OF ASSOCIATED INDUSTRIES OF MASSACHUSETTS BEFORE
HOUSE CHAIR CLAIRE D. CRONIN, SENATE CHAIR WILLIAM N.
BROWNSBERGER AND MEMBERS OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE
JUDICIARY IN SUPPORT OF REFORM TO THE TREBLE DAMAGES LAW.**

Good Afternoon, for the record my name is Bradley A. MacDougall, Vice President for Government Affairs at Associated Industries of Massachusetts (AIM).

AIM supports efforts to reform the treble damages law. AIM stands ready to work with this committee and can provide additional background information to members as you review various proposals relative to reform of the treble damages law. We would highlight that AIM's long-term solution is contained in S.995, An Act regarding treble damages, which is currently pending before the Joint Committee on Labor and Workforce Development Committee.

The issues that come before this committee are both complex and foundationally important to Massachusetts' ability to create an environment where Massachusetts is the ideal location for a company to operate, retain jobs and when possible invest and grow jobs.

Every two years, AIM surveys its members regarding the issues that matter to them. AIM's legislative agenda and Blueprint for the Next Century capture the hundreds of conversations with business owners and managers with the goal of collecting ideas for ensuring that every community in the Bay State remains a global economic powerhouse.

Our respondents identified two key issue priorities that are relevant to this committee.

First, to encourage a uniformly strong business climate by creating a competitive economic structure across all industries, geographic regions and populations rather than picking winners and losers.

Second, to address regulations by establishing a world-class state regulatory system that ensures the health and welfare of society in a manner that meets the highest standards for efficiency, predictability, transparency and responsiveness.

The need to reform treble damages is a key issue that would have a positive impact on the state's business climate. AIM appreciates the committee's consideration of this testimony and stands ready to provide further assistance to members of this committee and legislative sponsors working on this legislation.

Should you have any questions, please contact me directly at 617-262-1180.