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To: Senator Edith Prague  
Representative Kevin Ryan  
Co-Chairs  
And Members of the Labor & Public Employees Committee

From: Roch J. Girard  
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RE: Support for SB No. 462 AAC A Fair Share Health Care Surcharge

Please be advised that CFSA strongly supports this bill.

The time has come for big business to take the responsibility of paying for their fair share of health benefits for their employees, and STOP shifting THEIR bill onto small employers, employees and the responsible paying taxpayers of Connecticut.

Corporate America must assume its fair share in paying for the health care of their personnel and their families.

Why should the state of Connecticut –US- pay the whopping bill of \$ 20 MILLION dollars to provide health care for over 20,000 workers and family members from companies such as Wal-Mart, Stop & Shop, Dunkin' Donuts, McDonald's, Laidlaw, etc., who are making BILLIONS of dollars in profits? This makes NO sense!

If one of the goals of the legislature this year is to make Connecticut a business friendly place to be, does that mean we have to subsidize these multi-billion dollar companies to stay in CT?

Thank God for the “**HUSKY Program**”. The richest state in the union should have the best interest of kids at heart. As educators we know first hand the importance of having healthy students who have a healthy mind to work within their schools.

We have all heard about and have seen the legislature's and the Governor's initiative on getting nutritious food in the hands of the students in our schools. Shouldn't we encourage corporate America to extend that concern to their employees and their

children? Doesn't ALL of America benefit from healthy citizenry? Doesn't corporate America itself benefit from a healthier employee?

If everyone carries their fair share of the cost of health care, EVERYONE wins. The issue should NOT be the bottom line on the ledger (profits), but it should be the health and welfare of all of us.

No one is against corporate America making respectable profit margins. That is the Capitalistic way. However, they should have a moral OBLIGATION to their employees (who are making the profits for them) to give them the health care they need for themselves and their love ones. It is common sense to take care of the people that make the company successful!

**CFSA also supports the proposed Health Care for Small Business.**

This proposal is business friendly for employers with fewer than 50 employees. The funds to help pay for the program comes from the state's general and surplus funds. It makes a strong statement that Ct. as a community cares about the health of its citizens, and as citizens, we are ready to help our business community pay for that health care. It seems to us that it is a "win-win" proposal.

As educators we believe all of the children and the parents we serve should have quality health care. As a society we should not have to beg for health care.

As people we are all in this together, and to that end, we support this bill.

Thank you.