

**THE CONNECTICUT WORKERS' COMPENSATION COALITION**

(As of 5/11/05)

Associated Builders & Contractors of CT  
Associated General Contractors of CT  
Assoc. Sheet Metal & Roofing Contractors of CT  
Avon Chamber Of Commerce  
Bloomfield Chamber Of Commerce  
Branford Chamber of Commerce  
Bridgeport Regional Business Council  
Canton Chamber Of Commerce  
CBIA'S Manufacturer's Council  
Central Connecticut Chambers of Commerce  
Chamber of Commerce of Eastern CT  
Cheshire Chamber of Commerce  
CT Assoc. Chain Drug Stores  
CT Assoc. of Equipment Dealers  
CT Assoc. of Temporary & Staffing Services  
CT Automotive Trades Association  
CT Bankers' Association  
CT Beer Wholesalers Association  
CT Bituminous Producers Association  
CT Bowling Proprietors Association  
CT Business & Industry Association  
CT Chemical Council  
CT Construction Industries Association  
CT Council of Painting and Decorating  
CT Credit Union Association, Inc.  
CT Crushed Stone Association  
CT Farm Bureau  
CT Food Association  
CT Hospital Association  
CT Irrigation Contractors Association  
CT Lodging Association  
CT Marine Trades Association  
CT Metalworking Network  
CT Movers & Warehousemen's Association  
CT Nursery and Landscape Association  
CT Plastics Council  
CT Ready Mixed Concrete Association  
CT Retail Merchants Association  
CT Restaurant Association  
CT Road Builders Association  
CT Roofing Contractors Association  
CT Tooling & Machinery Association  
CT Veterinary Medicine Association  
East Hartford Chamber Of Commerce  
Fairfield Chamber of Commerce  
Farmington Chamber Of Commerce  
Glastonbury Chamber of Commerce  
Greater Bristol Chamber Of Commerce  
Greater Danbury Chamber Of Commerce  
Greater Hartford Property Owners Association  
Greater Manchester Chamber Of Commerce  
Greater Meriden Chamber of Commerce  
Greater New Haven Chamber Of Commerce  
Greater Norwalk Chamber Of Commerce  
Greater Valley Chamber Of Commerce  
Greenwich Chamber of Commerce  
Home Builders Association of CT  
Independent Electrical Contractors of New England  
Independent Insurance Agents of Connecticut, Inc.  
Limousine Operators of CT  
Madison Chamber of Commerce  
Manufacturers Assoc. of New Haven County  
Mason Contractors Association of CT  
Mechanical Contractors Association of CT  
Metro Hartford Alliance  
Middlesex Chamber Of Commerce  
Milford Chamber Of Commerce  
Motor Transport Association of CT  
National Federation of Independent Businesses/CT  
National Electrical Contractors Association  
National Retail Lumber Association  
New Britain Chamber of Commerce  
Newington Chamber Of Commerce  
North Central Chamber of Commerce  
Northwest CT Chamber of Commerce  
Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers  
Association of  
America  
Plainville Chamber Of Commerce  
PPUC-Environmental Industry Council  
Printing Industry of CT & Western MA  
Quinnipiac Chamber Of Commerce  
Rocky Hill Chamber Of Commerce  
Simsbury Chamber Of Commerce  
Smaller Manufacturers Association of CT  
Southwestern Area Commerce & Industry Association of  
CT  
South Windsor Chamber Of Commerce  
Stamford Chamber of Commerce  
Towing & Recovery Professionals of CT  
Utility Contractors Association of CT  
Waterbury Region Chamber of Commerce  
Western CT Industrial Council  
West Hartford Chamber of Commerce  
Wethersfield Chamber Of Commerce  
Wilton Chamber Of Commerce  
Wine & Spirit Wholesalers of CT  
Windham Region Chamber of Commerce

The business organizations listed on the cover sheet of this testimony represent Connecticut employers, ranging from small businesses to large industrial corporations.

This group formed in the late 1980's because workers' compensation costs were skyrocketing. Many Connecticut employers were crippled by workers' compensation costs. We spent months studying the workers' compensation system. We identified problems, and solutions to those problems, so that Connecticut's workers' compensation system could be reformed. We continue to stand united to ensure that great strides made in the early nineties stay intact and that no new measures increasing workers' compensation costs or placing other burdens on employers are adopted.

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We, the above mentioned organization, oppose **SB 461 AAC Notification of the Availability of Workers' Compensation to an Injured Employee.**

This proposal requires employers to provide written notice of the availability of workers' compensation to their employees. While this does not seem that unreasonable a request this measure adds another mandate on employers that results in additional costs.

The aforementioned organizations urge the legislature to resist from making any changes to the workers' compensation system and that pertains to repeal of any of the reform measures as well as the addition of new costly measures.

The reforms of 1991 and 1993 resulted in a workers' compensation system that is more efficient and effective. Connecticut has become a state that many other states modeled their own workers' compensation reforms after. Because of that and the fact that Connecticut still provides some of the most generous benefits in the nation, Connecticut ranks as the 9<sup>th</sup> most highest cost state for workers' compensation.<sup>1</sup>

We ask that you oppose SB 461.

Thank you.

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<sup>1</sup> Actuarial and Technical Solutions, 2006 ranking of 45 states