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Testimony of Lori J. Pelletier, Secretary-Treasurer, Connecticut AFL-CIO

before the Judiciary Committee

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Good Afternoon Senator McDonald, Representative Lawlor and the Members of the Judiciary Committee. I am Lori Pelletier and I serve as Secretary-Treasurer of the Connecticut AFL-CIO. I am here on behalf of our 900 affiliated local unions from all across this great state who represent 220,000 working men and women, and I appreciate the opportunity to address this committee.

S.B. No. 1447 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE FOR MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES

We SUPPORT this proposed legislation.

Municipal employees and Board of Education employees deserve the same benefits as all other hard working Connecticut citizens. We have seen over the past decade or so the benefits for employees and employers when it come to Family Medical Leave. Although we hope to see passage of a paid F&M leave bill, this legislation would close a hole in the current law.

I want to thank this committee for holding this public hearing and if you have any questions I'd be glad to address them.

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