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**Testimony of the  
Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce  
to the Labor Committee**

January 30, 2007

**RE: SB 847, AAC Additional Benefits for Wage Loss Under the Workers' Compensation Act**

Seantor Prague, Representative Ryan, members of the Labor committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify today **in Opposition to** SB 847, An Act Concerning Additional Benefits for Wage Loss Under the Workers' Compensation Act. My name is Louise DiCocco-Beauton, and I am Director of Governmental Affairs for the Greater New Haven Chamber of Commerce. The Greater New Haven Chamber is a regional business organization with more than 1900 members from 15 cities and towns in the region.

SB 847 would allow workers' compensation commissioners to award benefits in addition to workers' compensation benefits already being received. This bill will drastically increase business costs and undermine the bipartisan, landmark workers' comp reforms of the early 1990s, which restored balance to the system and have been instrumental in attracting and retaining businesses.

Connecticut's current benefit structure is fair and does not need to be changed. The Chamber urges you to oppose this legislation. Thank you for your consideration.

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