



TESTIMONY ON RAISED BILL NO. 6957

Good afternoon Senator Prague and Representative Ryan, and distinguished members of the Labor Committee. My name is Albert J. Chiucarello. I work at Council 4, AFSCME, and I am here today representing the interests of the NP-4 Bargaining Unit. I am here to speak in favor of Bill No. 6957.

The Union is promulgating this bill in that the State (DOC) has taken a position that there is no need for a Light Duty Program for NP-4 members.

After comprehensive research of the matter, the Union concluded that DOC worker compensation costs would deescalate dramatically if the State put a DOC Light Duty program in place.

By and through this program, members would return to work sooner and the transition back to full-time status would transpire in a smoother fashion.

For fiscal annum 2005, the DOC paid out over \$22,500,000 for worker compensation matters.

This is proof positive that there is a need for a Light Duty Program in DOC.

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