



**Testimony of the Connecticut Association of Plumbing, Heating & Cooling Contractors**

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***Supporting SB-400***

**An Act Eliminating the Business Entity Tax**

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The Connecticut Association of Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors (CT-PHCC) **strongly supports SB-400, An Act Eliminating the Business Entity Tax.**

Plumbing, heating, and cooling contractors are predominately small, family-owned businesses that do not have deep pockets. While many of these businesses would love to expand and grow, the business entity tax contributes to an environment that makes that desire a lofty goal rather than a reality. Each year that the plumbing, heating, and cooling contractors pay the \$250 tax, that is another \$250 that could have gone towards employee raises or benefits.

Connecticut legislators have made it clear that they want all employees to have affordable healthcare, fair pay, and reasonable benefits. And the plumbing, heating, and cooling contractors of Connecticut support that ambition and work to make it a reality for all of their employees. However, the business entity tax is a needless burden on Connecticut contractors that detracts from this effort.

By eliminating this tax Connecticut lawmakers will be helping Connecticut contractors provide good benefits and pay to their employees. Therefore, the Plumbing-Heating-Cooling Contractors Association appeals to legislators to pass SB-400.