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ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE**

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**Raised Bill No. 673 – AN ACT CONCERNING IMPROVED
TELECOMMUTING PROGRAMS FOR THE STATE’S WORKFORCE.**

Senator Slossberg, Representative Caruso and distinguished members of the Government Administration and Elections Committee, thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony in opposition to SB 673.

Under this Bill, all state employees would be allowed to participate in a telecommuting or work-at-home program. This Bill is completely unworkable. It would allow correction officers, mental health workers, social workers, as well as any other state employee to work at home or telecommute, a clearly unacceptable result.

Many private employers have reduced or completely eliminated these types of programs because experience has shown that lower productivity and lack of management control is often the result of these programs. Especially where state employees are responsible to the taxpayers of this state, the existing programs should not be expanded beyond present applications. The duty and responsibility of state agencies to clients and taxpayers should be of paramount importance.

Based upon the foregoing, this Bill should not be passed.