

**TESTIMONY BEFORE THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT  
COMMITTEE PUBLIC HEARING - MONDAY MARCH 9, 2009**

**SB 1035 AN ACT CONCERNING EQUAL ACCESS TO  
OPPORTUNITIES FOR SUBCONTRACTORS**

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Local Union 777.**

**Senator Coleman, Representative Sharkey and members of the Planning and  
Development Committee, Plumbers and Pipe Fitters Local Union 777 is strongly  
opposed to SB 1035. This bill would do away with one of the best tools we have to  
ensure that quality work is performed on our State of Connecticut Projects.**

**With the present system in place it encourages contractors that comply with  
our Labor Laws to bid because they know that there are only competent  
contractors, such as themselves that will be allowed to bid.**

**When UCONN had work performed by less than competent contractors we all  
know that it cost millions of dollars to have the problems corrected. The same  
contractors that were hired to fix the mistakes and shoddy workmanship are the  
same ones that would be pre-qualified under our present system.**

**With this in mind does it make any sense to discontinue a program that enables  
our state agencies to have a list of good qualified contractors to construct our  
projects. There is still a fair process so that all contractors that are pre-qualified can  
get an opportunity to bid competitively on such projects.**

**Thank you for considering our testimony. For additional information contact  
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