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Dear Members of the Labor Committee,

I am strongly against SB- 365- Captive Audience Meetings. This one is a real beauty. Have legislators in Hartford read the Constitution lately? What I should say is are they looking to rewrite the constitution? This piece of legislation is basically about individuals seeking to hardball small business owners into compliance with the upcoming Employee "FREE?" Choice Act.

The very gesture of such a piece of legislation speaks volumes. Supporters of this bill know that the very inception of such legislation will spell trouble for the majority of small business owners and thus put them in a position where they would exercise their constitutional right to speak to their employees regarding their position on the matter.

So, the supporters of SB - 365 had this great idea. While we are waiting for The Employee "Free?" Choice Act to pass thru Congress, we will quickly pass the SB- 365 to make it illegal for Small Business Owners to speak to their Employees.

Frankly, many politicians have never ran a business of any kind- never truly struggled to balance a REAL BUDGET where you cannot just increase taxes to make up for your irresponsible spending, and can not understand the impact this type of legislation has upon businesses.

Why doesn't each legislator in support of this legislation and the Employee Free Choice Act COME CLEAN? Admit what this piece of legislation really is. This bill takes away our ability to SPEAK! Why don't you just force your way into each of our businesses with HAND CUFFS, in essence that is what you are doing!!!!

So be aware that when the dust settles from this outrageous attempt at legislation - I hope all the supporters of these bills have plenty of open positions in their offices (that the tax payers support) to grant jobs to the masses of unemployed small business employees - that will account for every small business that closes or down sizes their operation.

I thank you for this opportunity to address this very important issue.

Sincerely,

Elaine V. Smith