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Testimony of Lori Pelletier  
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Senator Crisco and Representative Fontana, and members of the Insurance and Real Estate Committee, my name is Lori Pelletier, and I serve as Secretary-Treasurer of the Connecticut AFL-CIO, representing 900 affiliated local unions with members in all 169 cities and towns of this great state.

I am here today in support of H.B. No. 5295 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING MUNICIPALITIES AND PRESCRIPTION DRUG PLANS.

This proposed legislation does two things. First it allows municipalities to save money; secondly it allows the State to assist municipalities without it costing a dime within the overall state budget. This legislation should also be offered to small business and nonprofits as a way for those entities to save money, and help them expand their employment roles. This is the classic win-win. We applaud the Insurance and Real Estate committee for raising this bill and look forward to working for its final passage and signing by the Governor.

If you have any questions I'd be glad to address them at this time.

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