

Good Morning Co-Chair Senator McDonald, Co-Chair Representative Lawlor and Members of the Judiciary Committee.

My name is Jon T. Pepe. I am the President of Local 391 of the NP-4 Unit and I am here to speak today regarding Raised Bill No. 221.

This bill is of paramount importance to members of the NP-4 unit.

The bill will prohibit the disclosure of personnel, medical and similar files concerning current or former employees of the Department of Correction or the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services to inmates and other persons in custody of, or under the supervision of, the Commissioner of Correction or confined in a facility of the Whiting Forensic Division.

DOC inmates do not have a right to the aforementioned files or records due to the fact that it is nebulous and nefarious to the interests of NP-4 members and the interests of our families.

The fact is that inmates are incarcerated for reasons that are well-known and documented by society. They broke the laws of civilized society. They are dangerous and their intent is never honorable.

They want information regarding us for a reason. They want to harass, intimidate and harm us and God knows what they would like to do to our families if given that opportunity.

Neither we nor our families deserve this type of treatment.

We protect the interests of society by insulating them from the inmates that we act as custodians over.

The Legislature needs to protect NP-4 members and their families by passing Raised Bill No. 221.

Thank you for affording me an opportunity to speak here today.

If you have any questions; please do not hesitate to ask.