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**TESTIMONY OF
NATIONAL FEDERATION OF INDEPENDENT BUSINESS
BY
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SUPPORTING
SB-65, AAC UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION EXTENDED BENEFITS
BEFORE THE
LABOR & PUBLIC EMPLOYEES COMMITTEE
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The National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB), Connecticut's and the nation's leading small-business association, respectfully submits the following comments supporting SB-65, An Act Concerning Unemployment Compensation Extended Benefits:

NFIB/Connecticut supports the current legislation. Small business owners have contributed and paid their fair share of unemployment taxes and this common sense legislation would equal the playing field, so-to-speak, by requiring public employers to adhere to federal law. Laws such as SB-65 that require public sector employers to fully reimburse the system are essential to ensuring the viability of our state's fund.

NFIB/Connecticut thanks the Committee for this opportunity to comment and express our support and urges passage of SB-65.