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To: GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

From: William Green, Senior Vice President Contract Services, CW Resources

Subject: *Senate Bill No. 422 "AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES' PILOT PROGRAM"*

Senator Slossberg, Representative Spallone, Committee members, my name is William Green and I am the Senior Vice President of Contract Services with CW Resources. I am testifying in favor of Senate Bill No. 422 *"AN ACT CONCERNING THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES' PILOT PROGRAM."*

We support Raised Bill 422 because it protects the jobs of workers with disabilities who are most at risk during these current difficult economic times. The passing of this bill will ensure that CW can continue to employ and support through CCPA contracts and the Pilot Projects.

CW Resources, is a community rehabilitation program that provides vocational services to people with disabilities. CW is a participant in the State Preferred Purchasing Program through the Connecticut Community Providers Association. Last year this program created valuable community jobs for 302 adults with disabilities.

Through the program our workers have received over one million dollars in wages and almost Three hundred thousand dollars in health and welfare benefits., They have also received:

Prescription Drug Coverage

Dental Insurance

Short Term Disability

Disabled Workers in the program have also eliminated and or reduced their use of Federal and State entitlement programs.

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I would like to share with you a couple of example of clients in the program who for the first time in their lives have been able to find and keep a job and the benefits of those jobs.

Yvette is a consumer who has benefitted from the programs that CCPA/CW Resources has been able to offer her. Prior to employment with CW Resources in 2003 Yvette was a single mom with children an unable to find steady employment in part due to her significant disability. Yvette originally struggled in her position and without the training and support provided to her during these tough times she would most likely have become unemployed once again.

Today Yvette works at the Department of Public Works building at 165 Capitol Avenue in Hartford as a janitor and receives high praises and kudo's from the Commissioner, whose office she cleans on a daily basis. Yvette currently can now provide for her family not only a place to live but also the necessities of life that she and her family deserve. For Yvette, this is more than a job. It is where she establishes wonderful relationships, makes friends, feel good about contributing to society and a place for her to finally shine.

Archie is a 54 year old man who sustained a Traumatic Brain Injury many years ago which had made him dependent on receiving one on one care as well as Social Security Disability Income. In 2003 CW Resources hired Archie (through the CCPA program) as a janitor for the Department of Public Works Building at 61 Woodland Street in Hartford. No other employer was able to make the accommodations necessary for Archie's unique supports making employment opportunities for him virtually impossible.

Today Archie is working successfully with a job coach in the very same building he started seven years ago. This employment opportunity helps make Archie feel more confident and with a richer and fuller life. Archie is able to attend church and pay for his church tithes via is

earnings from his janitor position.

Without this employment opportunity Archie would most likely have drawn more one on one supports needed to assist him through his daily activities. With employment Archie reduces his dependency on Social Security Disability Income and finally feels in control of his own life.

Please Support this bill and the Pilot Program extension

