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Testimony of Lori Pelletier, Secretary-Treasurer

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Senator Doyle and Representatives Taborsak and members of the General Law Committee, my name is Lori Pelletier and I serve as the Secretary-Treasurer of the Connecticut AFL-CIO and I am here to testify on behalf of our 900 affiliated local unions representing 220,000 members who reside in all 169 of our cities and towns.

H.B. No. 6446 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS OF PUBLIC SERVICE TECHNICIANS AND CERTIFIED COMPETITIVE VIDEO SERVICE PROVIDERS.

We support this consumer friendly legislation.

A class T-1 license is a minimum requirement and an important one in the ever growing world of telecommunications. This legislation ensures that those companies servicing the public's demand for video service live up to this very basic requirement regardless of who they work for, because ultimately it the consumer we are protecting. Companies who skirt the requirement by outsourcing this repair to unlicensed and often out of state contractors are doing a disservice to the industry and the consumer. This is good legislation and we appreciate the committee holding this very important public hearing and we look forward to working with this General Assembly to get this bill passed and signed into law.

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