

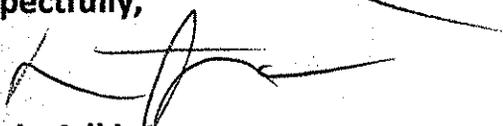
Thank you for the opportunity to submit my written testimony for the General Law Committee public hearing on March 8, 2011.

When large corporations work around paying their fair share of fees and taxes through gaps in the state laws it hurts the state and all of us as working citizens. I read HB 6446 AN ACT CONCERNING REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS OF PUBLIC SERVICE TECHNICIANS AND CERTIFIED COMPETITIVE VIDEO SERVICE PROVIDERS, I feel that this bill only scratches the surface concerning similar holes in the Connecticut laws and regulations. This bill should be passed as a start to closing gaps across the board. I would urge the General Law Committee identify an effective method to identify similar gaps in the state laws and regulations.

If each individual citizen like me did the same thing as the corporations, then Connecticut would be in worse shape. If citizens like you and I have to do our part how come the big corporations do not? I am sure that as a result of the current regulations the quality of work performed by unlicensed puts the public at risk. The total dollar amount of lost fees over time must be significant. There appears to be sound reasoning behind the Public Service Technician license issued by the Connecticut Department of Consumer Protection. Based on this sound reasoning why is it that all workers doing the same work do not have to have the same license?

If not NOW, then when is the time for this kind of legislation? In these times with so many people like myself struggling to pay basic bills, keep from losing their homes, feed their children, and provide for their families. I find it difficult to believe that corporations can avoid state regulations by contracting work and services out. As a responsible society we cannot allow the gaps in our laws to remain in place. Please support HB 6446 and make the work rules and licensing requirements the same for all that do the same work.

Respectfully,



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