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**Testimony of
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**Written Testimony
Before the
Judiciary Committee**

**Raised Bill #6608 'An Act Adopting the Revised Uniform
Arbitration Act' LCO 4599**

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This written testimony addresses lines 30 through 36 of Raised Bill No. 6608. Specifically, from our point of view, lines 30 through 36 should be written in clear and unambiguous terms. Presently, within Section (3), Subsection (1) is written in the negative while Section (2) is written in the positive connected by the word "and." Therein, lies the possibility of confusion. While we believe the intent is to exempt certain chapters of the Connecticut Statutes including Chapter 909 from the provisions of Raised Bill No. 6608 were it to become law, that intent should be reflected in simple straightforward language.

Our suggestion for lines 30 – 36 is as follows:

Sec. 3. (NEW) (Effective October 1, 2011) (a) Sections 1 to 31, inclusive, of this act govern an agreement to arbitrate made on or after October 1, 2011, except that said sections shall not apply to any agreement or arbitration proceeding governed by chapter 48, 68, 113, 166 or 743b of the general statutes. Chapter 909 of the general statutes shall apply to grievance arbitration provisions agreed to in collective bargaining agreements.

Thank you.