



To: Members of the Legislature's Labor and Public Employees Committee
Subject: Reject HB-5460 An Act Concerning Captive Audience Meetings

Please REJECT HB-5460. Our businesses need fewer restrictions not more. Bigger government is not the answer. For example, I would be more open to accept a negative change if in exchange there were two positive changes. (Two steps forward, one-step back.) Businesses in CT need help to be competitive against other states in the Union and abroad, and HB-5460 heads us the other direction.

I don't know where the problems are that even caused HB-5460 to be written. Our employees, both Union and non-Union, enjoy getting updates on the company, how we are doing and plans for the future. These meetings generate ideas that ultimately help us be more competitive, and that benefits ALL employees working at our company. How is that "political?" How is that a bad thing?

Looking here in our state, specifically, I would like to know how a business like the Teamsters will operate if they cannot discuss bargaining-unit topics with our employees during negotiations? Surely the Unions are not going to be given another advantage over the companies that hire and pay our employees.

Sincerely,

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