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Members of the Legislature's Labor and Public Employees Committee

Re: Reject HB-5460 An Act Concerning Captive Audience Meetings

To Whom It May Concern:

We are writing to urge you to reject HB-5460, An Act Concerning Captive Audience Meetings.

Our ability to communicate with our employees is a key factor in maintaining a sound relationship with those employees. If we were precluded from holding the types of meetings potentially banned by the Act, it is likely that our employees would be forced to make decisions without the benefit of all of the facts surrounding those decisions. It would be unfair for our employees to be placed in that position.

We have experienced situations where our employees were being pressured by others outside of our organization to make decisions without all of the facts. They made it clear to us that they wanted to hear both sides of the issues, and were fully prepared to make their own independent decisions, after weighing both sides of the issues.

Therefore, we strongly urge you to reject HB-5460, and allow employees to hear all of the facts before making any decisions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Terry Wooding", written in a cursive style.

Terry Wooding
Executive Vice President