



**Public Hearing Written Testimony of  
Dennis C. Murphy, Acting Commissioner**

**Labor and Public Employees Committee  
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Good Afternoon Senator Prague, Representative Zalaski and members of the Labor and Public Employees Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to provide you with written testimony regarding **Senate Bill # 363: AA Allowing Minors To Work In A Family Business**. My name is Dennis C. Murphy and I am the Acting Commissioner of the Department of Labor.

This bill, as drafted, has no provision that prohibits minors from working with their parents in hazardous occupations. In addition, federal law does prohibit minors from working with parents in a family business in hazardous occupations. Despite that, the Department of Labor is willing to work with this Committee in order to ensure that this bill be re-drafted in order to ensure that minors are protected and that Connecticut laws meet federal standards.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony. Please feel free to contact me or my staff if you need additional information.