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American Fire Sprinkler Association
Connecticut Chapter
1400 Old North Colony Road
Meriden, CT 06450

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Re: SB #987

Dear Legislator,

This trade organization represents some thirty fire sprinkler contractors in the State of Connecticut many of whom do business with the State as prime or sub-contractors on state university projects. The legislation being proposed, i.e., to have labor performed on these projects by union-only labor, with Project Labor Agreements, (PLA's) is both restrictive and exclusionary, favoring one group over another for no apparent reason.

Our members have all appropriate occupational licenses, are bondable and are qualified in every respect to execute this work. Non union contractors and their employees of all disciplines have been delivering these projects to the State for decades and are paid the appropriate prevailing wages. In these times of shrinking revenues and budgets, why would the State of Connecticut consider a bill that will force many contractors out of business, force many more people out of work, and raise the cost of the project to taxpayers?

We strongly urge that this bill NOT be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

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