Testimony of William Rood
Against
SB 987

Good Afternoon. My name is William Rood. I own and operate a small metal working company in North Windham, CT. and I employ 6 people not including myself or my wife who does the bookwork. We are a merit shop and an EEO employer that compete daily for the small amount of work available in these tough economic times.

We are always a subcontractor and I bid my portion of work to a larger subcontractor or general depending on the size and scope of the job. If they are excluded from the bidding process a substantial portion of my source of income is removed and I, as a taxpaying citizen, will be forced to make the difficult decisions to do what is required to survive or go out of business. I am sure that my predicament is similar to a 1000 other small businessmen in CT. Every project requires a number of trades starting with excavation, concrete work, steel work, insulators, carpenters, electricians, plumbers, HVAC, sprinkler fitters, sheetrockers, painters and landscapers. All these small businesses pay taxes and must make a payroll every week. How many of them can the state of CT. afford to force out of business.

All the small business men that I know and deal with would like to engage in true free enterprise without government regulation or coercion. To pass this bill to empower a minority of union workers at the expense of a majority of skilled free enterprise employers and their employees is patently unfair and will cause grievous damage to the state's economy.

I respectfully ask that this bill be discarded as injurious to our state's economy and in violation of the concept of free enterprise and equal opportunity.
Thank you,
William Rood
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