

March 8, 2011

Labor and Public Employees Committee  
Room 3800, Legislative Office Building  
Hartford, CT 06106

**To:** Members of the Labor and Public Employees Committee

**Subject:** SB 988, An Act Concerning the Solvency of the Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund

We are writing you today to express our opposition to SB 988, An Act Concerning the Solvency of the Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund. Our Chamber believes that if this bill becomes law, employer payroll taxes and the overall cost of doing business in Connecticut will increase significantly at the worst possible time.

Using an Average High Cost Multiple, AHCM, of 1.0 as opposed to 0.8 may not seem like a big difference, but employers in Connecticut are already burdened with difficult economic conditions and high costs and cannot afford even a modest increase.

The Middlesex Chamber believes that the Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund goal should remain at \$625 Million and should not be raised to \$1.1 Billion. Economic conditions are improving and the trust fund will eventually be solvent again. Imposing higher costs on employers at this fragile time is not the answer. Thank you for the opportunity to be on the record...

Sincerely,



Rich Carella  
Co Chair  
Legislative Committee



Rick Parmelee  
Co Chair  
Legislative Committee