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Good evening, Senator Prague, Representative Zalaski, and distinguished members of the Labor and Public Employees Committee. I would first like to start off by thanking all of you for the opportunity today to speak to you. My Name is Joseph Guerrero, and I am here today to testify in **opposition** of SB 990. I am member of the Operating Engineers Local 478 which represents heavy equipment operators across the state of CT. The prevailing wage thresholds are about a good livable wage for men and women in the construction industry in Connecticut. I would like to state that I believe it would be a mistake to modify the prevailing wage threshold.

As a skilled heavy equipment operator, I work very hard to earn my living to support my family and pay for my son's college education. Prevailing wage allows me the ability to take care of my responsibilities. If the prevailing wage threshold is modified and the thresholds are raised, it will affect the capability of men and women in the construction industry to earn a decent living and the ability to provide for our families.

I ask that you do not pass Senate Bill 990 as it will have an adverse affect on men and women of the construction industry in Connecticut,

Thank you