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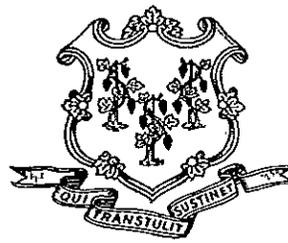
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Thursday, March 15, 2012

Testimony of State Senator Carlo Leone in support of S.B. 283
AN ACT CREATING A WORKFORCE TO MAKE IMPROVEMENTS
AROUND CONNECTICUT'S PUBLIC AIRPORTS.

Honorable Chairs and Ranking members, I am Sen. Leone and I want to thank you for raising this bill which if passed I believe will present CT with a new opportunity to combine Federal resources and funding in a new innovative way.

If passed, satisfying the need to make our surrounding airports safer and improving the quality of life for surrounding residents and businesses by upgrading noise reduction is an opportunity to take advantage of training that is already in existence.

Some of you may know and others may not, but the ARRA funding provided to CT three years ago helped establish a funding stream that not only provided to weatherize homes and business to reduce the carbon footprint and decrease our reliance on foreign industry, it more importantly provided training dollars for those out of work, including many veterans, the ability to learn a new skill in Weatherization techniques and find employment. These new skills and jobs are the same skills needed to provide the tools that will be needed to perform the noise reduction and insulation upgrades.

Combining both the FAA direction and funding, along with the ARRA DOE funding and current experience of our new skilled resources, I believe we, at the state level can make this combination of an existing trained workforce, along with the continued investment of this training and new industry, a synergetic combination of resources.

It would allow the combining federal resources in a novel way at the state level that I hope could be a new standard model of innovative thinking in CT.

Thank you for your consideration of this important piece of legislation.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Carlo Leone in cursive.

Senator Carlo Leone