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**Testimony of Lori Pelletier
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Before the Government, Administration and Elections Committee
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Senator Slossberg and Representative Morin and members of the Government Administration and Elections Committee my name is Lori Pelletier and I am the elected Secretary-Treasurer of the Connecticut AFL-CIO and I am here to offer comments on behalf of the 900 affiliated local unions who represent over 200,000 working men and women from all 169 cities and towns.

S.B. No. 340 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING THE USE BY STATE EMPLOYEES OF SERVICES PROVIDED BY CONNECTICUT TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL SYSTEM STUDENTS.

We support his legislation. The whole idea behind our technical high school system including our adult education programs were for real world experience that students can get and then in turn be more employable upon graduation. Current statutes prohibit 45,000 people and their families from utilizing the skills provided by these very competent students.

By adjusting the threshold we will be catching up with the rise in prices for services and this can only help with the promotion of our technical high schools and adult education programs. Our Connecticut Technical high school system is a valuable resource and we look forward to working with this committee to pass this bill and to further enhance the public's awareness of our schools and their skills.

Thank you for holding this public hearing and if you have any questions I would be glad to address them.

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