

**Testimony of Kia F. Murrell
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**SB 353 AAC ATTACHMENTS TO SECURE PAYMENT OF COMPENSATION OWED
TO THE STATE'S SECOND INJURY FUND**

Senator Coleman, Representative Fox and other members of the Committee, my name is Kia Murrell and I am Associate Counsel at the Connecticut Business and Industry Association (CBIA). CBIA represents more than 10,000 companies throughout the state of Connecticut, but most of our members are small businesses of 50 or fewer employees.

SB 353 allows the Fund to request a writ of attachment against those employers for whom the Fund was required, by order of the Workers' Compensation Commission, to step in and pay benefits to the injured worker. The Fund steps in the uninsured employers shoes because the employer failed to purchase or pay for workers' compensation insurance at the time of the injury. This bill may encourage uninsured employers to participate in and defend claims ultimately reducing the amount of money paid by the Fund.

We believe this bill will have a positive impact on Workers' Compensation costs for Connecticut employers; therefore we support SB 353 and urge the Committee to adopt it.