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**Testifying in Opposition to PSB 344 AA Clarifying The Definition Of Independent Contractor**

Good Afternoon Senator Osten, Representative Tercyak, and members of the Labor and Public Employees Committee. My name is Eric Gjede and I am assistant counsel at the Connecticut Business and Industry Association (CBIA) which represents more than 10,000 large and small companies throughout the state of Connecticut.

CBIA opposes PSB-344 because this proposal would make the definition of an independent contractor more confusing. It would also upend many years of case law that has defined who is and is not an independent contractor. Furthermore, while this proposal would cover independent contractors in the construction industry – it would not provide any guidance for the many other industries that use independent contractors in a legitimate way.

We urge the committee to oppose PSB-344