

**LABOR and PUBLIC EMPLOYEES COMMITTEE PUBLIC  
HEARING TUESDAY FEBRUARY 19, 2013**

**Senator Osten, Representative Tercyak and members of the committee, my name is  
Cameron Champlin and I represent Plumbers and Pipe Fitters Local 777.**

**Thank you for the opportunity to testify today in support of S.B. No. 344 an act to  
clarify the definition of independent contractors.**

**When personnel on jobsites are incorrectly identified as such instead of the actual  
and true classification of either a contractor or subcontractor it gives the cheating  
contractor of record an unfair advantage during the bidding process. That  
contractor does not include in his bid any amount for unemployment compensation,  
workers' compensation, payroll taxes or any other fees which a legitimate  
contractor does include. Without some form of deterrent from this situation that  
cheating contractors use the employees and the state of Connecticut are both losers.**

**Thank you for considering this testimony while determining the fate of this bill. If  
any more information is needed I may be contacted by email [camc@att.net](mailto:camc@att.net) or cell  
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