



Testimony of the Connecticut AFL-CIO

Before the Appropriations Committee

February 11th, 2014

Good Evening Co-chairs Senator Bye and Representative Walker, Vice- Chairs, Ranking and Regular members of the Appropriations Committee.

The Connecticut AFL-CIO on behalf of our 900 affiliated local unions who represent 200,000 working men and women all across this great state support the Department of Labor's request for additional staff in the Wage and Hour Division.

This request was included in Governor Malloy's Midterm Budget Address and we applaud any efforts bolstering enforcement of labor laws protecting workers from unfair and unjust practices in the workplace.

By adding more investigative staff to the wage and hour division not only workers can seek fairness, but businesses who play by the rules will continue to compete on a level playing field.

The Connecticut AFL-CIO position continues to be all jobs are good jobs. The difference is not all employers are good employers potentially putting their employees at risk by "cheating" the system.

We thank the committee for holding this public testimony and are hopeful the committee includes this request in its final budget bill.

Respectfully Submitted

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