

COMMERCE COMMITTEE PUBLIC HEARING MARCH 13, 2014

RE: S.B. - 304 AN ACT MAXIMIZING JOBS FOR STATE WORKERS

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Local Union 777

Senator LeBeau, Representative Perone, and members of the committee, Local 777 would like to go on record in strong support of this bill. This accountability is long over due for some oversight of what is done with our money and hopefully getting positive results for our investment.

The procedure for monitoring the recipients of the Economic Development Funds is not sufficient for the gift that they receive from the State of Connecticut. Remember it is most certainly a gift because they never have to repay the state. No matter what incentives are given to a company, whether it is DECD Money or Tax Relief or any other benefit, we should hold that company to standards which will benefit the state and any employee of these recipients. We don't need companies that pay minimal wages and benefits so that their employees have to rely on Public Assistance of any type.

This bill is a start in the right direction but I believe it should be strengthened in the future. For these reasons we respectfully ask that you vote to move this bill forward. Thank you for the opportunity to testify today on this matter.

If any more information is required please contact me at camc@att.net or cell (860) 287-0020.