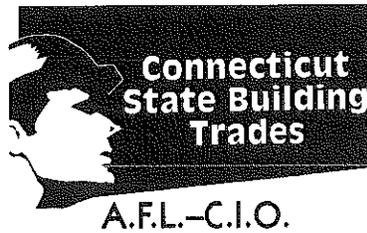


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To Finance Committee Co-Chairs: Senator John Fonfara & Representative Patricia Widlitz.

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On behalf of the thousands of Men and Women of the Greater Hartford-New Britain Building Trades Council and its 14 affiliated Unions; we stand in support of the tax relief legislation proposed in regards to the UTC Expansion. With 500 million dollars going into expansion and construction in the next 5 years, it will have a very positive impact on a Industry that has suffered over 20% unemployment for the past 5 years.

These projects would put hundreds of our Members to work and provide economic stimulus to Connecticut through expendable income and tax dollars.

This is just the type of stimulus that Connecticut needs, Construction, Manufacturing, Research, it has all the components of success. With UTC expected to invest up to 4 billion dollars in research and capital expenditures in the State and an impact on more than 75,000 jobs, we must support this proposal.

This is the time for Connecticut to once again re-establish itself as a place of positive economic growth. A State to move to and not to move away from.

Sincerely,

Peter E. Reilly,

President of the Greater Hartford – New Britain Building Trades Council

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