

**GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION and ELECTIONS COMMITTEE
HEARING MARCH 10, 2014**

**RE: H.B. 5431 - An Act Requiring the Suspension of Administrative Penalties
Imposed on Certain Business Entities**

**SUBMITTED BY: Cameron Champlin representing Plumbers and Pipe Fitters
Local union 777**

Local Union 777 would like to go on record in opposition to H.B. - 5431. Although this bill may have been intended to enhance the fact that we are a "business friendly state" I believe it does just the opposite. We shouldn't be trying to lure businesses that will not adhere to our regulations. We should in fact be giving more support to our good businesses in the state that follow all of our regulations including paying a living wage, good benefits, proper worker compensation and unemployment insurances and of course federal and state taxes. We are sending the wrong message to these present State of Connecticut Employers when it is stated that state agencies SHALL suspend such civil penalties for first time offenders therefore putting our good contractors at a disadvantage. This legislation just entices a border-line contractor to violate our regulations knowing that they will not be penalized for the first offense.

Think about how many times you were speeding before being caught and if you knew you wouldn't be prosecuted how many more times would you have violated the speeding laws. Remember there are many more state troopers assigned to uphold our speeding statutes than there are inspectors to enforce our business community regulations.

For these reasons we respectfully ask that you vote to keep this Bill from moving forward. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this very important issue. If any more information is required please contact me at email came@att.net or cell (860) 287-0020.