



My name is Mark DeAngelis. I am the president of the State Marshal Local of Council 4 AFSCME. **We strongly support House Bill 5556, AN ACT CONCERNING FEES RECEIVED BY OFFICERS AND PERSONS SERVING PROCESS AND PERFORMING OTHER DUTIES.**

HB 5556 increases private fee for service and the hourly rate for evictions. State marshals fees have not increased since 2000. At the same time, state marshal costs have gone up vastly. Gasoline, health care, mandated liability insurance and related costs have increased considerably. The state marshal licensing fee has increased from \$250 to now \$750 per year. The bulk of a marshal's training must be paid for by the marshal. Marshals must deliver restraining orders, dead beat dad warrants and other legal documents. Most times these services need to be delivered in hand and require multiple trips.

We request that the fee for service increase be increased to \$40 for the first defendant being served. It is currently \$30. And that the fee for each additional service (defendant) at the same address be increased from \$10 to \$20. This is a fee schedule more in line with state marshals' actual costs.

The price of gasoline has gone up in Connecticut in excess of \$2.00 per gallon since 2000, more than doubling. Mandated liability insurance cost about \$800 per year in 2000. Now it costs approximately \$1,400 to \$1,600.