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Testimony on House Bill 5279, An Act Eliminating The Minimum Fair Wage Exception For Certain Citizens Of Connecticut

Good afternoon Senator Osten, Senator Markley, Representative Tercyak, Representative Smith and Members of the Committee.

I am here today as a legislator who is concerned about the consequences of the proposed legislation, HB 5279 which would eliminate the minimum fair wage exception for certain individuals. I have with me the CEO of Vista Vocational and Life Skills Center, Helen Bosch, and Vista member Matt Sarti.

Vista is a well-respected organization located within my district with over 20 years of experience in providing services and resources to support the lives and independence of those with disabilities. I feel that we need to be mindful of taking the unilateral action proposed in HB 5279 without understanding the consequences that this legislation can have on employment opportunities for those with disabilities. This is why I have asked Helen and Matt to join me in offering testimony.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Noreen S. Kokoruda".

Noreen S. Kokoruda
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