Written Testimony of Linda Ares Palermo, an

Injured Worker who sustained Work Related Injuries

Twenty four years ago Submits the Following to the

To the Connecticut General Labor and Public Employees Committee

In support of SB 319, March 11, 2014

Honorable Senator-Winfield, Representative Tereyak, and members of the Labor and Public Employees Committee,

My twenty four year injury occurred December 1989- remains unresolved. It was recently Said at a Municipal Forum, that any case that is this old tells them that there is something Wrong, with the system (Workers' Compensation). Since around 1991 forward the workers compensation act doesn't appear to being implemented for it's true intent; many injured persons have been denied proper medical care, physical therapy, medication and in some cases improper evaluation of their injuries, and or in some cases prematurely being told they have reach Maximum Medical Improvement MMI; perhaps because their employers and or insurance carriers, claims adjuster, and or attorney on either side of the isle and even Town Attorneys, and or a commissioners only concern is to cease having to deal with the employee's claim/injuries. "COST" apposing CB – 319 demonstrates they are against the very people who voted them in to office. Whenever a Town, City or Municipal propose a Budget do they not put in increase in cost for taxes, and even pay raises for their crony friends who campaigned for their "win", insurances premiums such as workers compensation coverage? Are these benefits not part of a contractual obligation entered into by employers with employees who work for any Town, City, or Municipality or perhaps a corporation. Because many injured persons claims have been scuffled around by the system to the benefit of the employer they really don't know if they have reached MMI. Not only to those who have had the luxury of knowing if they have reached MMI and even those who have not shared in such a luxury but instead suffered a detriment such as they have through the Worker's Compensation Commission whose budget and benefit package is well "healed", I support the passage of SB-319 for the injured.

Thank you for your time and past and present considerations.

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