



Testimony of the Connecticut AFL-CIO

Before the Public Safety and Security Committee

March 11th, 2014

Senator Hartley, Representative Dargan and members of Public Safety and Security Committee,

We submit this testimony on behalf of the 900 affiliated local unions who represent 200,000 working men and women from every city and town in our great state support:

H.B. No. 5533 AN ACT CONCERNING WORKERS' COMPENSATION COVERAGE FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYEES WITH POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER – We support this legislation. PTSD is a harsh reality of our current world. Workers who experience PTSD as a result of work are no different than workers who have torn ACL's as a result of work, except that the injury is to the whole body inside and out. Workers may not be dying of black lung in the numbers they were, but events which cause PTSD are on the rise and workers should be compensated for those injuries.

We thank the committee for holding this public hearing and urge passage of this bill.

Respectfully Submitted,

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