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House Bill 5461
Transportation Committee
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PLEASE OPPPOSE SECTION 2 OF HOUSE BILL 5461 – AN ACT CONCERNING REVISIONS TO STATUTES RELATING TO THE CONNECTICUT AIRPORT AUTHORITY.

The Connecticut Police & Fire Union (CPFU) represents dedicated law enforcement and firefighting professionals who work at Connecticut state agencies and institutions.

We respectfully OPPOSE Section 2 of House Bill 5461, and we request the Transportation Committee to strike this provision from the bill.

Section 2 states that the Airport Authority will no longer be required to comply with the personnel policies and procedures of DAS and OPM with respect to both unclassified and classified employees, and instead the Authority can apparently make its own rules. The CPFU represents several classified employees and we are concerned that this proposal could allow the Airport Authority to not only side-step DAS and OPM policies and procedures, but also potentially side-step the agreements that are currently in place for job protection, reemployment, and existing negotiated SEBAC agreements.

Thank you for considering our objections. We don't understand why the Airport Authority proposes to change the rules with respect to classified employees.

Please feel free to contact CPFU President, Glenn Terlecki (860-953-2626) or Attorney Robert Shea (860-989-5567).