



Testimony of the Connecticut AFL-CIO

Before the Veterans Affairs Committee

February 25, 2014

Good afternoon Senator Leone, Representative Hennessy, and members of the Veterans' Affairs Committee.

The Connecticut AFL-CIO on behalf of our 900 affiliated local unions who represent 200,000 working men and women all across this great state ask to amend:

Raised S.B. No. 211 An Act Concerning The Soldiers, Sailors and Marines Fund

It is vital for a society to show its respect for returning veterans and their families by being able to aid them in times of their need. Connecticut has a long history of establishing and maintaining this fund for decades. A third party distribution arrangement has had some challenges and tends to blur origin of the funding source. We ask to amend this legislation restoring this function back to being administered by the State of Connecticut as a state agency.

Respectfully Submitted,

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