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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 5314 AN ACT CONCERNING PAYMENTS ON  
ADVANCES FROM THE FEDERAL UNEMPLOYMENT ACCOUNT.

Dear Senator Holder-Winfield, Representative Tercyak, Senator Markley, Representative Smith, and esteemed members of the Labor Committee.

I submit this testimony in support of HOUSE BILL 5314 AN ACT CONCERNING PAYMENTS ON  
ADVANCES FROM THE FEDERAL UNEMPLOYMENT ACCOUNT.

The purpose of this bill is to use some of the potential excess revenue from this fiscal year's budget to repay the interest on advances made to the state from the federal unemployment account. By making this payment, the state will be paying down a portion of its debt as well as helping employers redirect their resources towards creating and retaining jobs in our state.

In an economy that is still recovering with high unemployment, we should be doing all we can to relieve businesses, especially small businesses, from excessive taxation. By eliminating the assessment placed on businesses in our state, we will not only be making Connecticut more employment friendly, but we would also be putting much needed resources back into the hands of the bedrock of our economy, small businesses.

I respectfully urge the committee's favorable consideration of House Bill 5314.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Chris Davis'.

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