



Benefit Planning Services  
LLC

March 6, 2014

To: The Labor and Public Employees Committee:

RE: Support for HB 5314, Unemployment Compensation Tax Relief

Dear Sir/Ma'am:

I am writing to express my support for HB 5314, which would use \$60 million of the projected state budget surplus to be used to pre-pay the balance of interest owed on funds the state borrowed from the federal government to keep Connecticut's unemployment compensation system afloat.

Our unemployment compensation taxes are very high and are a major cost factor in our business plans. In addition to our unemployment taxes, we are also paying a federal tax that increases every year, plus special assessments each July. This burden is too much for small companies like mine to bear on our own.

I urge you to support HB 5314 because it will benefit my business and others like mine, Connecticut's economy and prospects for more jobs in the state. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ruben A. Nogueira

Partner