

Testimony Submitted By Suzanne Bates, Policy Director for the Yankee Institute for Public Policy to the Labor and Public Employees Committee in support of HB 5851

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The Yankee Institute for Public Policy is a Connecticut think tank that develops and advances policy solutions to promote a smart, limited government; fairness for taxpayers; and an open road to opportunity for all the people of our state.

I am here today to address HB 5851, which would make changes to the way we manage unemployment insurance in Connecticut.

Our unemployment insurance fund is depleted, and we need to take steps to shore up this important safety net for state workers.

The provisions in this bill would improve the solvency of the fund, and would also provide some relief to our small business owners, who are struggling under the weight of unemployment insurance costs.