



**Testimony of
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Good Day Senator Gomes, Representative Tercyak, Senator Hwang and Representative Rutigliano and members of the Labor and Public Employees Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to provide you with testimony regarding **House Bill No. 6850 AAC Pay Equity and Fairness**. My name is Sharon Palmer and I am the Commissioner of the Department of Labor.

I am here to speak in favor of this bill, proposed by Governor Malloy. This bill would bar an employer from prohibiting an employee from disclosing, inquiring about or discussing the amount of his or her wages or the wages of another employee and discharging, disciplining, or discriminating against any employee who discloses, inquires about or discusses the amount of his or her wages. This is a fair and necessary bill that is a priority of Governor Malloy and the Department of Labor.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.