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Dear Administrator,
Please add my testimony to the record. Thanks.
Brian Anderson



Testimony, Labor and Public Employees Committee, March 5, 2015

My name is Brian Anderson. I am a Legislative Representative for Council 4 AFSCME, a union of 32,000 public and private employees. Council 4 also represents most of the workers at the State Department of Labor. **Council 4 urges you to support SB 106, An Act Concerning Retaliation Against Immigrant Workers.**

Immigrant workers are among the most exploited workers in our country. There have been some high profile cases in the news in Connecticut, particularly in the New Haven area, concerning exploitation of immigrant workers.

This bill creates a reasonable extra payment for employers who willingly attempt to exploit, or knowingly underpay, immigrant workers. This payment serves as a penalty to such employers and as some compensation to the worker who has been denied his or her rightful pay for work.

This bill sends a message that cheating immigrant workers will not be tolerated in Connecticut. This bill protects all workers. When immigrant workers are sought simply as cheap labor and readily exploitable labor, then the price of a labor for a whole industry can be driven down.

Council 4 Council 4 would be happy to provide the committee with any additional information. Thank you for your consideration.