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Testimony of the Connecticut AFL-CIO SB 913 AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH CARE DATA REPORTING

Representative Tercyak, Senator Winfield and distinguished members of the Labor and Public Employees committee, I thank you for allowing me to submit this written testimony on S.B. 913.

Escalating health care costs keep rising year after year. It affects almost every citizen in Connecticut, it is the most frustrating item during bargaining municipal contracts, especially in small municipalities where they have limited negotiating power with their health care plan suppliers

If only they had a way to tackle this ever increasing rising cost while maintaining or even providing more health care services to its employees. Well there is, S.B. 913 has a proven track record of helping municipalities contain health care costs, but they, the municipalities must do their part by submitting their health care data to the State Comptroller for a quote from the state health care plan which has more "purchasing power" than the municipalities have.

The time for action is now. The CT AFL-CIO strongly supports S.B. 913. Let's not kick the can down the road anymore.

As always, I am available to discuss this issue in more detail with you at your convenience.

Respectfully Submitted,

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