

Statement for Appropriations Committee Public Hearing March 2, 2015

Regarding HB 6824, An Act Concerning the State Budget for the Biennium ending June thirtieth, 2017, and Making Appropriations therefor and Other provisions related to Revenue.

Senator Bye, Representative Walker and other members of the Committee:

My name is John Greeno and I am the owner of New England Conservation Services located in Woodbridge, CT and also serve on the Connecticut Work Force Development Consortium, an organization made up of businesses, non-profits and representatives of the Department of Labor working to develop job training and placement opportunities with the growing number of green companies in the state.

New England Conservation Services is a growing small business that provides residential energy conservation services throughout the state of Connecticut. We need high-quality, reliable and trust-worthy employees to work in our customers' homes. For the past year and a half New Haven Works has provided New England Conservation Services with employee candidates for both field and customer service positions who are pre-screened, evaluated and prepared to work for us. Coupled with the wage subsidy program offered by New Haven Works their service allows employers to control the risks of bringing on new employees into a relatively new industry.

New Haven Works is an all-around success for my business and I highly recommend that the State continue to fund New Haven Works so that other small businesses can partner with New Haven Works and take advantage of this great program. It is truly a win-win for employers and employees.