

**Appropriations Committee
March 4, 2015
Department of Administrative Services/Bureau of Enterprise Systems & Technology
Budget Public Hearing**

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

My name is Paul Martin, I am a Computer Operations Supervisor in the Department of Administrative Services (DAS)/Bureau of Enterprise Systems & Technology (BEST) and I am testifying today as a proud member of CSEA SEIU Local 2001.

Like many areas of state service, DAS is understaffed. But unlike other departments, we are limited to a 35-hour workweek. Our work supports the agencies that provide services to the residents of Connecticut; Department of Public Safety, Department of Children and Families, Department of Motor Vehicles, Department of Developmental Services, Department of Mental Health and Addition Services, they all depend on us.

Our work needs to be completed in order for the state to function. But as things stand, we do not have enough personnel to get our work done in a 35-hour workweek. For the work we don't have time to complete, we either have to leave it unfinished, or utilize expensive outside consultants to perform necessary work for the state.

We come to you today to suggest a more efficient use of existing DAS resources in order to complete the essential work of the state by fully utilizing existing state employees through a voluntary 40-hour work week. Our current staff knows the technologies, systems, and programs that are being built and supported. We already have the institutional knowledge and the more work we can complete in-house the less money the state has to spend on expensive outside consultants.

Thank you for your time and attention.

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