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Testimony of the Connecticut AFL-CIO before the Labor and Public Employees Committee

Good Afternoon Senator Winfield, Representative Tercyak, and members of the Labor and Public Employees Committee.

We are here today to testify on behalf of the 900 affiliated local unions that represent over 200,000 union members from all 169 cities and towns of Connecticut as follows:

Proposed H.B. No. 5070 AN ACT CONCERNING TIMETABLES FOR MUNICIPAL BINDING ARBITRATION

We oppose this legislation. For decades municipalities have raised this as the reason for their budgets being out of balance. Anyone who is familiar with the timelines understand where the real costs are, and until city and towns chief elected officials are willing to take on the role of chief negotiator and stop hiring the armies of outside high-priced law firms we will continue to see this red herring.

We appreciate the committee holding this public hearing.

Respectfully Submitted,

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