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In Support of:

HB 5208: An Act Adjusting the Prevailing Wage Thresholds

HB 6250: An Act Concerning Private Contributions to Public Works Projects and the Prevailing Wage Standard

Labor and Public Employees

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Good Evening Senator Winfield, Representative Tercyak, Senator Hwang, Representative Rutigliano, and members of the Committee. I am here to testify in support of HB 5208, An Act Adjusting the Prevailing Wage Thresholds, and HB 6250, An Act Concerning Private Contributions to Public Works Projects and the Prevailing Wage Standard

The goal of this bill is to increase the prevailing wage threshold from the current value of \$100,000 to \$800,000. The value of one dollar back in the early 1990s is not equivalent to the value of today's dollar. By adjusting the threshold, we are accommodating for economic factors such as inflation. The prevailing wage threshold has not been adjusted since 1991. By not adjusting the threshold since 1991, we have hindered the economic efficiency of projects and severely affect Connecticut's production. I strongly encourage the committee to seriously consider adjusting the prevailing wage threshold to represent the current economic value of the present.

HB 6250, An Act Concerning Private Contributions to Public Works Projects and the Prevailing Wage Standard would exempt any funding contributed by a private source from the calculation used to determine whether a public works project must abide by prevailing wage laws. Essentially, this would prevent funding that would push the project above the threshold. HB 6250 would greatly assist in the cost efficiency of projects and growth in our state. This bill,

along with HB 5208, has the potential to alleviate financial stress placed on our municipalities. I ask that the committee seriously consider these two economically common sense pieces of legislation. These two bills would greatly provide relief to the municipalities given the limited to no additional funding provided through this year's budget proposal.