



FOUNDATION FOR FAIR CONTRACTING
OF CONNECTICUT, INC.

TESTIMONY

Raised Bill 5265 AN ACT CONCERNING MINIMUM LONGEVITY REQUIREMENTS FOR UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS.

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Honorable Senator Winfield, Honorable Representative Tercyak, and esteemed members of the Labor Committee:

The Foundation for Fair Contracting of Connecticut ("FFC-CT") submits this testimony in opposition of Raised Bill 5265 AN ACT CONCERNING MINIMUM LONGEVITY REQUIREMENTS FOR UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS.

The FFC-CT is an industry-sponsored organization. Our mission is to promote compliance with laws and regulations relating to public works construction. Specifically, we focus on issues concerning wages, classification of workers and apprenticeship standards.

Unemployment is benefit for employees who have worked and who have earned the compensation. Unlike other safety net programs, workers have contributed to the system so that they have something to fall back on during a time of financial stress and insecurity. Creating this provision adds undue regulation that further harms workers during a vulnerable time. Workers face enough challenges when losing their job; creating more roadblocks to a program that is supposed to assist them with supporting themselves and their families is unnecessary.

Thank you,

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