



Written Testimony of  
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Good Day Senator Winfield, Representative Tercyak, Senator Hwang and Representative Rutigliano and members of the Labor and Public Employees Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to provide you with written testimony regarding *House Bill 5848 AN ACT CONCERNING WOMEN RE-ENTERING THE WORKFORCE*. My name is Sharon Palmer and I am the Labor Commissioner.

The proposed bill calls for a workforce re-entry program focusing on technology training, interviewing skills and other employment concerns for women who are returning to the workforce following a leave of absence. Our American Job Centers have many programs and are able to provide all of its services to anyone seeking assistance including women who are re-entering the workforce. Our services include:

- Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Services
- Employer Recruitments
- Free Career Related Workshops and Seminars
- Job Search Assistance
- Résumé Preparation

Our American Job Centers provide universal access to all citizens of Connecticut.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input concerning this proposed bill.