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Senator Winfield, Representative Tercyak, and Distinguished Members of the Labor and Public Employees,

I am State Senator Michael McLachlan, and I am testifying today in support of House Bill 5857, *An Act Concerning Interest Due On Advance From The Unemployment Compensation Advance Fund*.

This legislation would direct sixty million dollars from the state's projected excess revenue to pay interest due on advances from the Unemployment Compensation Advance Fund.

During the recession, the Federal Government bailed out the state's unemployment compensation fund. The state now owes interest on the money, because it was not paid back.

Businesses in Connecticut are seeing an increase in fees; as they are designated to satisfy the interest on these advances.

This is a regressive "tax" on businesses already struggling, and they shouldn't have to pay for the state not paying back the loan.

This legislation would provide financial relief to these businesses in the state by paying down the interest, and I encourage passage of the bill.

Thank you.

Sincerely Yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Michael A. McLachlan".

Michael A. McLachlan
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