Bianca, Pam

From: Brett Owen <Brettowen@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, February 12, 2015 10:21 AM
To: LABTestimony
Subject: I Support HB 5860 to support our probate court employees

The front-line probate court employees pay, benefits and conditions of employment are set by state employees who work in the probate court administration office. However, the front-line staff are deemed "not" state employees. They are paid less than state employees in similar positions, have no job security, and have no ability to negotiate over their working conditions. HB 5860 would give these employees the basic rights that all workers deserve.

Please support HB 5860: An Act Recognizing Probate Court Employees as State Employees.

Probate court employees are dedicated public employees who want the right to decide for themselves whether or not to collectively bargain for better wages and job security. Don't deny them a voice on the job any longer!

Thank you.

Brett Owen
Hatchetts Hill Rd
Old Lyme, CT 06371