



**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 5876 AA Increasing the Penalties Assessed against Labor Organizations that Fail to File an Annual Report*. My name is Sharon Palmer and I am the Labor Commissioner.

The proposed bill is duplicative of federal law that requires Labor Organizations to file comprehensive financial reports with the US Department of Labor. Those reports are available to the public online.

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