



Connecticut Chapter

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**HB 6705 – An Act Requiring the Prevailing Wage Be Paid on Construction Projects That Receive  
Financial Assistance from the State or Any Agency of the State**

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Good afternoon, my name is Chris Syrek; I am the President of Associated Builders and Contractors of Connecticut (CT ABC). CT ABC is a statewide trade association of almost 200 members that represents merit shop contractors.

CT ABC has significant concerns with HB 6705 An Act Requiring the Prevailing Wage Be Paid on Construction Projects That Receive Financial Assistance from the State or Any Agency of the State.

A similar bill was raised during the 2014 Legislative Session, which both DECD and the business community feared could have a negative impact on the State's economy and our recovery. CT ABC is concerned that this proposal would deter mid to large sized businesses from moving to Connecticut. It would add both another mandate along with burdensome reporting requirements to a business that received financial benefits from the State.

There are also many businesses in the state that rely on some type of financial support from various state run agencies, including non profits that, by the way this bill is written, would be effected.

If businesses are not willing to move here or expand their existing locations, that could have a disastrous impact on the construction industry.

I thank the Committee for allowing CT ABC the opportunity to raise our concerns with this bill.

