



Testimony of the Connecticut AFL-CIO before the Labor and public Employees Committee

February 26th, 2015

Good afternoon Senator Winfield, Representative Tercyak and members of the Labor and Public Employees Committee. The Connecticut AFL-CIO on behalf of our 900 affiliated local unions who represent 200,000 working men and women all across this great state support:

H.B. No. 6705 (RAISED) AN ACT REQUIRING THE PREVAILING WAGE BE PAID ON CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS THAT RECEIVE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE STATE OR ANY AGENCY OF THE STATE. (LAB)

The Connecticut AFL-CIO has taken a position that transparency should be required for any entity that receives any public funding. We support this bill as it addresses construction project transparency by requiring full disclosure of employee wages, duties, and benefits that receive financial assistance while also providing good wages for construction workers. This bill attempts to level the playing field for our building trades' affiliates and aids putting Connecticut construction workers to work if taxpayer monies are utilized. Prevailing Wage in no way mandates or shows preferential treatment to a union worker over a non-union worker. It simply states the fair wages that should be paid as determined by the Department of Labor. Prevailing Wage protects in-state workers, union and non-union.

Respectfully Submitted,

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