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

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Senator Winfield, Representative Tercyak and members of the Labor and Public Employees Committee,

I am Lori Pelletier and I serve as the Executive Secretary- Treasurer of the Connecticut AFL-CIO. I am here to testify on behalf of the 900 affiliated local unions who represent 200,000 working men and women from every city and town in our great state as follows:

Proposed S.B. No. 431 AN ACT CONCERNING FOREIGN WORKER RECRUITMENT FEES. (LAB)

We appreciate Senator Looney asking for this bill to have a public hearing. The issue of foreign worker exploitation is not on the front page of any newspaper but its impact on families and the workers can be devastating. By requiring these employment agencies to make official filings is a good first step at protecting these unsuspecting workers.

We appreciate the committee holding this public hearing.

Respectfully,

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