

**LABOR and PUBLIC EMPLOYEES COMMITTEE HEARING
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Senator Gomes, Representative Tercyak and members of the committee, my name is Cameron Champlin and I Represent Plumbers and Pipe Fitters Local Union 777. I am here today to go on record in strong support of SB-986.

This accountability is long over due for some oversight of what is done with our money and hopefully getting positive results for our investment.

The procedure for monitoring the recipients of the Economic Development Funds is not sufficient for the gift that they receive from the State of Connecticut. Remember it is most certainly a gift because they never have to repay the state. No matter what incentives are given to a company, whether it is DECD Money or Tax Relief or any other benefit, we should hold that company to standards which will benefit the state and any employee of these recipients. We don't need companies that pay minimal wages and benefits so that their employees have to rely on Public Assistance of any type.

This bill is a start in the right direction but I believe it should be strengthened in the future. For these reasons we respectfully ask that you vote to move this bill forward. Thank you for the opportunity to testify today on this matter.

We also would like to go on record in support of SB-953 and 1036, HB-6850, 6873, 6879, 6880, 6934 and 6936.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify today on these very important issues. If any more information is required please contact me at camc@att.net or cell (860) 287-0020