

March 5, 2015

To: Labor and Public Employees Committee
From: Bob Augusta Madison, CT.

Re: Testimony in Support of SB 1035: An Act Concerning Bullying in the Workplace

Members of the Labor and Public Employees Committee, I want to thank you for raising SB 1035 to take an important first step at addressing workplace bullying. This is an issue that has affected me personally as I have been a victim myself, as well as in my capacity as a union steward, I have had to represent members of our local, who were subjected to similar treatment while at work, either from other co-workers, or from supervisors.

Workplace bullying many times, can make it difficult to speak up, due to fear of retaliation. However, by raising this bill you are giving me and others who have gone through similar experiences hope.

By defining workplace bullying, this bill is an important step.

This bill may not prevent what happened to me from happening again, but it will begin to give us some tools to fight back.

I urge you to pass SB 1035.

Sincerely,

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