

LOCAL 3144

NEW HAVEN MANAGEMENT AND PROFESSIONAL UNION

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February 12, 2015

Dear Honorable Members of the Appropriation Committee,

I am writing to stand in opposition to the H.B. No. 5886 (An Act Prohibiting Municipal Employees From Serving on Certain Municipal Legislative Bodies), which in short denies union members their constitutional right to seek and engage in the elective process for city/town government. While we may understand the spirit of the language of the bill, it my firm belief that every citizen has a fundamental right to engage in the political process including and up to holding a seat on a governing board for the city/town in which they live.

I would encourage you to vote no on this bill and not to let it out of committee. Thank you for your time regarding this matter. It is my hope that you will vote no on this bill.

Sincerely,

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