I am writing today in support of Bill 5886.
I am a CT Private Investigator, a NY Attorney and formally a Special Agent of the FBI for 26 years. As an FBI Special Agent during the late 1990s and early 2000s, I managed the FBI's investigation of corruption in the City of Bridgeport that resulted in 11 convictions including Mayor Ganim.

I specifically wish to speak to the current practice of allowing City of Bridgeport employees to serve on the Bridgeport City Council.

It is commonly accepted that if an act or position taken by a public official can sufficiently affect his or her private economic interests, then his or her administration of duties for the public good will inevitably be influenced by the conflict between the obligation to the public and desire for personal interests.

An individual who is an employee of the City of Bridgeport and is paid by the City has a personal economic interest; and if he or she is sitting on the Bridgeport City Council their acts or positions taken will inevitably be influenced by this conflict of interest.

The acts or positions taken by a City employee as a City Council member can affect his or her employment, the ability for advancements and or demotions should his or her action be in opposition to the wishes of supervisors, managers, department heads and even the Mayor's Office.

The City Council members are obligated to be fair and unbiased in the administration of duties for the public good. A City employee who is a City Council member will inevitably be influenced due to this conflict of interest.

Therefore, I submit that a vote for
Bill No. 5886 is a vote for good government in Bridgeport and a vote against could enable the corruption of the past to continue.

Thank you for your time.

Ed Adams