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Written Testimony

Before the

Labor and Public Employees Committee

Regarding

HOUSE BILL NO. 5261

**“AN ACT CONCERNING OPERATORS OF ATHLETIC  
ACTIVITIES, COACHES AND REFEREES AND THE EMPLOYER-  
EMPLOYEE RELATIONSHIP”**

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My name is Adrienne R. DeLuca and I am Legal Counsel for the Connecticut Education Association. I am commenting on Proposed House Bill No. 5261.

House Bill No. 5261, as drafted, is in contravention of other sections contained in Title 10 of the Connecticut General Statutes involving coaches and impinges on the rights of the local education associations to negotiate the stipend salaries for coaching positions many of which are held by association members.

Therefore, Section (3) of this proposed House Bill should also exempt from its purview local Board of Education athletic activities in addition to college or university athletic activities.