



Jan Hochadel, President
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Executive and Legislative Nominations Committee
March 17, 2016

Re: Eric W. Chester, Education Arbitration Board Member

Senator Duff, Representative Janowski, Senator Kane, Representative Buck-Taylor, and members of the Executive and Legislative Nominations Committee. My name is Jan Hochadel, and I am President of AFT Connecticut, a statewide labor union of 30,000 members in education, healthcare, and state service. I am offering written testimony on behalf of Eric Chester's reappointment to the Education Arbitration Board.

Eric serves as a principal in the law firm Ferguson, Doyle, & Chester, P.C. AFT Connecticut is a long-standing client of Eric's firm. Eric represents our member local unions in numerous cases. He also represents the New Haven Federation of Teachers. He shows judgment, expertise, and passion in these cases. I strongly support his reappointment to the Education Arbitration Board.

Thank you.