



State of Connecticut

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES STATE CAPITOL

REPRESENTATIVE ANTHONY J. D'AMELIO
SEVENTY-FIRST ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

LEGISLATIVE OFFICE BUILDING ROOM 4200
300 CAPITOL AVENUE
HARTFORD, CT 06106-1591

TOLL FREE: (800) 842-1423
FAX: (860) 240-0207
Anthony.DAmelio@housegop.ct.gov

SENIOR HOUSE REPUBLICAN WHIP

MEMBER
COMMERCE COMMITTEE
GENERAL LAW COMMITTEE
PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY COMMITTEE

**Testimony
In Opposition of SB 39
AN ACT CONCERNING THE MINIMUM FAIR WAGE AND EMPLOYEES WHO
CUSTOMARILY AND REGULARLY RECEIVE GRATUITIES
Labor and Public Employees Committee
March 3, 2016**

Thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in opposition of SB39 AN ACT CONCERNING THE MINIMUM FAIR WAGE AND EMPLOYEES WHO CUSTOMARILY AND REGULARLY RECEIVE GRATUITIES .

As a proud restaurant owner in the State of Connecticut, I understand the efforts and interest in creating an advantageous environment for restaurant servers. It is of my opinion that SB-39 will do the opposite and put these servers' jobs in jeopardy. There are many servers in the state of Connecticut who benefit from the policies in place today because of their ability to make much higher than minimum wage during their available time. With SB-39, servers may be forced to work extended shifts and longer weeks in order to make what they previously could have earned in fewer hours. This will seriously inhibit the student putting themselves through school and taking part-time classes during their days off, or the parent who needs to be home to care for their children. These individuals, who are the target for this bill, will not benefit from its intentions, and therefore SB-39 should not be passed into law.

I am available with any questions you may have. Thank you for your consideration on this issue.

Anthony D'Amelio
State Representative 71st District