



**Testimony of Win Heimer, Executive Vice President
Connecticut Alliance for Retired Americans
Before the Labor and Public Employees Committee
Connecticut General Assembly
March 8, 2016**

In support of SB 221 - An Act Concerning Paid Family And Medical Leave

SENATOR GOMES, REPRESENTATIVE TERCYAK, SENATOR HWANG,
REPRESENTATIVE RUTIGLIANO AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE:

THANK YOU FOR GIVING ME THIS OPPORTUNITY...

MY NAME IS WIN HEIMER. I AM A RESIDENT OF WEST HARTFORD AND THE EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT OF THE CONNECTICUT ALLIANCE FOR RETIRED AMERICANS. THE ALLIANCE IS THE STATE AFFILIATE OF THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE FOR RETIRED AMERICANS AND COMPRISES 50,000 MEMBERS IN CONNECTICUT.

AS SENIOR CITIZENS, WE SUPPORT PASSAGE OF SB221 SINCE IT CAN ALLOW FAMILY MEMBERS TO CARE FOR ELDERLY PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS IN THEIR TIME OF NEED.

ALLOWING MOTHERS TO TAKE APPROPRIATE CARE FOR THEIR NEWBORNS; ALLOWING SPOUSES TO CARE FOR EACH OTHER; ALLOWING GROWN CHILDREN TO CARE FOR AILING PARENTS OR GRANDPARENTS -- IT ALL HELPS TO KEEP FAMILIES TOGETHER AND OUR COMMUNITIES STRONG. IT'S COST-EFFECTIVE AND IT'S THE RIGHT THING TO DO.

WE URGE PASSAGE OF THIS BILL.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.