



Connecticut Department of Labor

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**Public Hearing Testimony of  
Scott Jackson, Commissioner  
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Good Afternoon Senator Hartley, Senator Frantz, Representative Simmons, Representative Yaccarino and members of the Commerce Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to provide you with written testimony regarding **Senate Bill No. 128, AA Exempting New Businesses from State Regulations**. My name is Scott Jackson and I am the Commissioner of the Department of Labor.

The Department of Labor (DOL) opposes this bill. This bill seeks to exempt new businesses from state regulations for the first two years of operation. While we understand the goal is to encourage new business in the state, there are too many regulations that protect the state's workers that cannot be circumvented. For example, it would be irresponsible to exempt businesses from paying workers the appropriate wages or following safety rules. There are too many others to list, but we cannot support a bill that would put our workers livelihoods in jeopardy.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide this testimony.