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3/9/2017 Public Safety and Security Committee

Senator Larson, Senator Guglielmo and Representative Verrengia, and members of the Public safety and Security Committee, My name is David Roche, President of the Connecticut state Building and Construction Trades council of Connecticut and the Business manager / Financial secretary treasurer for the Sheet metal, Air Rail and Transportation workers Local Union #40 (S.M.A.R.T.).

We are in support of Senate Bill #957 for several reasons first is the economic boost we feel this project will give to the State, if passed this bill is going to supply many jobs for Local East Windsor residents and Connecticut residents with the Construction being under a P.L.A. (project labor Agreement) as well as the Permanent Jobs that will follow construction for many years to come.

Many projects that are funded by the State of Connecticut do not guarantee local workers or Project Labor Agreements so this opportunity is important to our Connecticut Workers, I can tell you from experience that over the years we have followed many projects that had great opportunity for our workers that never happen because the State or Local Municipality felt that there may have been a better opportunity by stalling or waiting to see if others presented a better option, although I do understand everyone has to do their due diligence, most of the time this process has come up empty and everyone loses and in this case I can see it being stalled for several years if this bill is not passed and once again we could end up with nothing.

The MMCT project t is a true no brainer, the Casinos in Connecticut have been a partner for many years and we are fortunate that they are looking to expand in Connecticut, this is a win - win situation for everyone, The State of Connecticut and East Windsor Wins with new revenue, Connecticut Construction workers win with the opportunity to build a first Class Casino, Connecticut's Workers win with New permanent Job Opportunities within the Casino.

As we all know the State of Connecticut's budget issues have us all concerned, we don't know where the next project will be, when money is tight projects can't be built, when projects can't be built our workforce is unemployed and becomes a bigger burden to the State Unemployment system.

I have been very fortunate in my career to visit many cities in this country, I have talked to many developers and I truly believe the way to kick start an economy is when our Construction Workers are on the Job rebuilding our Cities and Towns, this project is real and can be just the boost our State Needs.

I urge you to pass Senate Bill #957 and put us to work.

Sincerely,

David A. Roche

President of the Connecticut State building and Construction Trades Council

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