Chairmen Senators Fonfara, Franz, Representative Rojas, Ranking member Davis and members of this committee, my name is Cameron Champlin, I represent Plumbers and pipefitters local union 777. This testimony is in support of HB-5587.

The commission’s report has excluded some very important issues and we realize that the short amount of time that they had may be the reason for this. However excluding representation from all affected factions is inexcusable, (ie LABOR). When there is not fair representation for all there certainly can’t be reason for this committee to vote against this report to be amended or corrected.

Not only did the committee not have representation from all but the information that they included for prevailing wage was 100% wrong.

We also believe that excluding pension and health benefits from collective bargaining will only lower the quality of life for residents of Connecticut. Collective bargaining has been the reason that Connecticut has one of it’s most important assets, a well qualified and productive work force.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify today on probably the most important issue in this session. We urge this committee to vote in favor of moving this bill forward. If any more information is needed I can be contacted at camc@att.net or cell (860)