



TESTIMONY BEFORE THE LABOR & PUBLIC EMPLOYEES COMMITTEE
SB 2, HB 5004, HB 7191 AN ACT INCREASING THE MINIMUM FAIR WAGE

The Connecticut Veterinary Medical Association appreciates the opportunity to express our concerns with SB 2, HB 5004 and HB 7191: An Act Increasing the Minimum Fair Wage.

We appreciate the need to increase the minimum wage so that the citizens of Connecticut can earn a livable wage. We do have some concerns about the unintended affect this increased wage might have on the ability of our members to hire certain groups of untrained individuals looking to get some experience or insight into the veterinary field. These groups would include high school and college students with an interest in veterinary medicine as a career who want to explore the career further or need experience for their school applications or veterinary technician students who need apprenticeship experiences as part of their education. We would propose a lower wage training category for these individuals.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony. We ask that you please consider our suggestions when crafting this legislation.

Thank you.

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