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Title: Former Director

Organization or Agency:

Topic: HB05384 - AAC THE NUMBER OF WAGE AND HOUR INSPECTORS AT THE LABOR DEPARTMENT.

Supports

Testimony:

My name is Gary Pechie and I was employed at the CTDOL from 1977-2016 in the Wage and hour division as an investigator ,wage enforcement agent and as Director from 1989-2016 I have firsthand experience as to the difference the activities of the staff of the Division make in people's lives I once recovered \$25 for a worker and when I hand delivered the wage he wanted to my me a coffee in thanks People work hard for their wages and shouldn't have to file a claim to be paid but unfortunately this happens more often then not These workers are not wealthy but depend on wages to live week to week Connecticut has great labor laws that when enforced not only benefit workers but law abiding employers who can't compete against cheaters I strongly urge the Committee to advance this bill and will gladly assist in providing first hand knowledge and experience on what a difference it can make. Thank you for your time and consideration

Sincerely

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