

March 24, 2016

Legislators of Connecticut,
Legislative Office Building,
Hartford, CT 06106-1591

RE: SB 464

Dear Legislators of Connecticut,

I am writing this letter to urge the State Legislature to immediately reject SB 464 in whole or in part. SB 464 strips the fundamental rights and principals of collective bargaining. A vote for SB 464 is the equivalent of "right to work" bill and is the definition of "union busting."

"Where free unions and collective bargaining are forbidden, freedom is lost!"

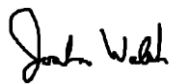
- Ronald Reagan

I am currently a resident of the City of Hartford in Frog Hollow. I am a registered and active voter in the City of Hartford. I am currently employed by the City of Hartford as a Hartford Police Officer since 2007 and assigned to the Patrol Division. I am active Hartford Police Union member and representative. I was in support of Luke Bronin and voted for Luke Bronin in the last election.

I agree that the city is in financial distress, and a crisis is developing. I support cutting the budget to meet financial obligations. I support drastic measures to accomplish this goal such as reducing wasteful spending, reducing non-essential services and stopping over spending. I agree that Luke Bronin did not create the situation and inherited a large and overwhelming budget issue. But I vehemently oppose Luke Bronin using SB 464 in the first attempt, within three months of office, to solve this issue. This bill is only reasonable when all options have failed and we are facing an imminent bankruptcy. We have not failed at all our options and we are not facing imminent bankruptcy. The presentation of this bill suggests that Luke Bronin does not want to do the hard work necessary of what is required of a Mayor. For Luke Bronin to hand Hartford over in defeat this easily is disgraceful and insulting to the residents of Hartford.

I urge you to send Luke Bronin a strong message by rejecting SB 464. Send Luke Bronin back to Hartford City Hall to work on this issue instead of pandering to the State of CT for an easy bailout option. Thank you for your time and consideration in this critical issue.

Sincerely



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