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Representative Walker, Senator Osten and members of the Appropriations Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony.

My name is Denise Learned and I am the Executive Director/CEO of Camp Hazen YMCA. I would like to share some of my thoughts regarding H.B. 5607, An Act Concerning the Use of COVID-19 Relief Funds to Replenish the Unemployment Compensation Trust Fund.

As a non-profit organization we pay for 100 percent of the costs of unemployment benefits paid to employees who have been laid off due to COVID-19.

If the bill was modified to help non-profit organizations it would alleviate the unprecedented cash flow shortages that YMCAs are experiencing.

I respectfully urge you to cover non-profits unemployment burden to lessen this financial strain on YMCAs in Connecticut, so that we will be able to continue to serve our communities during these unparalleled times.

Thank you for taking the time to consider our position. I would welcome any questions and would be happy to provide further information.

Sincerely,
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