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Testimony on the Governor's Proposed FY 2022-2023 Budget for Department of Labor

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The Office for Catholic Social Justice Ministry of the Archdiocese of Hartford encourages the Connecticut Department of Labor to collaborate with worker organizations to educate domestic workers and employers about minimum wage and overtime rights. For this reason, we request that the CT General Assembly fully fund and staff the Wage and Hour Division of the Connecticut Department of Labor.

As a member of the CT Domestic Worker Justice Campaign, and through my work as the Executive Director of the Office for Catholic Social Justice Ministry, I have witnessed the stories of domestic workers being taken advantaged due to their, and perhaps their employers', ignorance of state laws and regulations relating to domestic workers. We have been working for the past several years addressing these concerns.

Fully funding and staffing the Wage and Hour Division will provide an allowance for qualified organizations to assist in a state/nongovernmental partnership in implementing an educational campaign that will inform and protect vulnerable communities.

At the center of Catholic social teaching is the belief that the human person is the clearest reflection of God's presence in the world. All of the Church's work in the pursuit of justice is to protect and promote the dignity of every person. This funding will help us restore and project the dignity of domestic workers in our state.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lynn Campbell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Lynn Campbell, Executive Director

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