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RE: Senate Bill 157 – Employers of Ex-Offenders – Liability for Negligent Hiring or Inadequate Supervision - Immunity

Dear Committee Members:

I request your support for SB 157. This bill seeks to improve opportunities for exoffenders to join the workforce. It states that certain employers may not be held liable for negligent hiring or failure to adequately supervise an employee based solely on evidence that the employee was previously convicted. The employers granted immunity would include those involved in manufacturing, shipping and receiving, warehousing, and construction industries. The purpose of the bill is to encourage employers to hire ex-offenders, thereby increasing their successful reintegration into society.

Sincerely

Senator Bob Cassilly