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GOVERNOR LAMONT SIGNS HB 5003

At a ceremony Monday in Hartford, Governor Ned Lamont signed **HB 5003** a huge, omnibus labor bill, into law. Included in the bill's 75 sections are measures important to LIUNA members, such as requiring contractors and subcontractors to submit daily site logs on public works projects, ensuring apprentices are paid full benefits on prevailing wage jobs, making contractors liable for wages owed by a subcontractor, and establishing new protections for operators of cranes and hoisting equipment.



"I am proud that Connecticut is a state that stands by its workforce to defend workers against labor violations and ensure that they are treated fairly, and this legislation extends those protections to include a number of commonsense safeguards on behalf of those who keep our state and our economy running," Governor Lamont said.



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BUILDING TRADES TURN OUT FOR JOHN LARSON AT CONGRESSIONAL CONVENTION

Dozens of Building Trades members turned out to cheer on Congressman John Larson as he entered the Democratic nominating convention for Connecticut's 1st Congressional District at Goodwin University in East Hartford Monday evening. Waving signs and chanting their support, union trades workers showed up to stand with Larson, who has always fought for them during his 27-years in Congress.



Unfortunately, Luke Bronin narrowly defeated Congressman Larson for the Democratic Party's nomination later that night, setting up a primary election battle. During his two terms as Hartford Mayor (2016-2024), Bronin did not enter into a single Project Labor Agreement, despite numerous school construction and other publicly funded projects taking place in the city during those years.

State Representative Jillian Gilchrest also qualified for the primary after a portion of Larson delegates switched their votes in the first round of balloting. The move allowed her to reach the necessary 15% threshold and force a three-way primary. The primary election will be held on Tuesday, August 11th.

Incumbent Members of Congress in Connecticut's other four districts were easily endorsed for re-election. Joe Courtney in the 2nd District, Rosa DeLauro in the 3rd District, Jim Himes in the 4th District, and Jahana Hayes in the 5th District all won the Democratic Party's nominations outright, with none of their challengers securing the 15% of votes needed to force a primary election.