



Needham Area Immigration Justice Task Force

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**Testimony submitted to
Joint Committee on Labor and Workforce Development
In support of An Act to Protect Injured Workers (H.2151/S.1310)
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The mission of the Needham Area Immigration Justice Task Force is to encourage dialogue and raise awareness within Needham and the region regarding immigration as a necessary bedrock of a prosperous and growing United States of America. We take action to welcome immigrants, change unjust policies, and ensure fair working conditions and security for families.

We are writing in support of An Act to Protect Injured Workers (H.2151/S.1310). This bill would significantly impact the well-being of immigrants and their families by giving workers a process for holding employers accountable and getting compensated for workplace injuries.

Although workers' comp benefits are available to workers regardless of their immigration status, employers know low-wage immigrant workers are less likely to report injuries due to concerns of retaliation from employers as well as general fear from the current administration's immigration policies.

All our workers will benefit from the passage of this bill, and we encourage the Joint Committee to approve it.