



June 16, 2008

Honorable M. Jodi Rell
GOVERNOR, STATE OF CONNECTICUT
State Capitol
210 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Governor Rell:

On April 14, 2008, I wrote to you regarding Senate Bill 673, "An Act Concerning Improved Telecommuting Programs for the State's Workforce." As you may know, this bill passed the Senate, but it did not get called for a vote in the House.

In my letter, I stated that you could implement telecommuting and at-home work assignments without the legislation by directing your Office of Labor Relations and State agencies to enter into negotiations for such programs, including pilot projects, with interested State employee unions. I would view this process to be similar to the establishment of alternate work schedules for State employees.

While a number of State employees do not have work assignments that would lend themselves to telecommuting or at-home work assignments, there are agencies such as the Departments of Environmental Protection, Developmental Services, Information Technology, Transportation, Education, Social Services, Revenue Services, and the Board of Education and Services for the Blind where a significant number of employees could participate in such programs.

From my view, telecommuting does not have to be an all or nothing proposition. In some cases, employees may have the opportunity to participate one day per week in a telecommuting or at-home work assignment.

We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

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