



**CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY
AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY PROFESSORS**

**Statement from CSU-AAUP
October 28, 2016**

CSU-AAUP shares the sentiment and intention of the SEIU Connecticut State Council in its response to the thoughtless and irresponsible ad concerning Dr. Petit.

SEIU Connecticut State Council released the following statement in response to the ad:

“Because of regulations inherent to independent expenditures we, as an organization, are not permitted to know the content that is distributed on behalf of those political efforts. Campaign finance laws are explicitly clear that there cannot be any coordination between our organization and that of Labor United for Connecticut. Therefore, our organizations were not in a position to vet, approve or even be made aware of the digital ad that ran in Dr. Petit’s district. However, once the ad became public yesterday it was clear it was not reflective of our locals’ or SEIU’s standard and it should have never taken place. We offer our sincere apology to Dr. Petit and feel strongly this ad should have never run in his district under any circumstances. It is extremely regrettable that such poor judgment was exhibited by those tasked with running the independent expenditure and we have taken action to remove those responsible from the campaign. Additionally, SEIU Connecticut State Council accepted Paul Filson’s resignation as Executive Director of the council. This election offers clear differences in the path for Connecticut and our nation and it is our hope these campaigns will be issue based.”