

Statement from Joseph D. Garrison, George Gombossy's attorney

This lawsuit is not only important to my client, it is vital to the people of Connecticut.

The suit is brought under the state's Free Speech statute, which protects workers from being fired or punished for exercising their First Amendment rights in the workplace.

"It's the very essence of being an American, having the right to speak out in the workplace, especially on issues vital to the public."

While the statute has been used by other workers who were punished for speaking out in the workplace, this is the first time a journalist has used it in Connecticut to contest his firing for acting on behalf of the public to protect the consumer, and at the same time keeping his own newspaper trustworthy.