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Testimony of Representative Peter Panaroni
H.B. 5882, An Act Authorizing Bonds of the State for Various Projects
Commerce Committee
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Senator LeBeau, Representative Berger, and distinguished members of the Commerce Committee, I wish to testify in support of Proposed H.B. 5882, An Act Authorizing Bonds of the State for Various Projects.

This bill will provide much needed bonds of the state for grants-in-aid for a number of projects. Of particular importance is the funding to be provided for South Montowese Street in Branford and the Branford Sports Complex.

The combination of high levels of motor vehicle and pedestrian traffic make South Montowese Street very dangerous. Citizens walking into the center of town, including elderly individuals from nearby elderly housing, are at great risk. By enacting this bill funds will be made available to create the needed sidewalks.

Funding must also be provided to improve the Branford sports complex. The complex is a vital part of the Branford community but no longer is able to accommodate the town's needs. With the grants-in-aid from this bill new bleachers may be installed so that everyone wanting to attend events at the complex will be able to be seated comfortably. Other minor improvements will also be made including important safety rails.

Without the help of the state the numerous projects mentioned in this bill will not be possible. I strongly urge the committee to vote this bill favorably out of committee and help strengthen the communities which the state depends on for its vitality.