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Testimony on behalf of HB5674
**AN ACT CONCERNING THE POWERS OF REGIONAL COUNCILS OF
GOVERNMENT**

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in favor of this bill. One of the most discussed issues both in this legislature and even more so in our communities is the ever increasing reliance on property taxes to fund our towns and BOE's. This form of taxation is making it more difficult for our Senior Citizens and others on a fixed income to stay in their homes. One of the points that this bill has will allow Municipalities the opportunity to impose a modest tax of 1% to the cost of a rented hotel room. This is a fine way for municipalities to raise revenues outside of personal property taxes. This is a form of taxation which is in effect in many areas that I have visited and will certainly not be a deterrent to the traveling public. Thank you again for raising this bill and for allowing me the opportunity to testify.

Sincerely,

Russell A. Morin
State Representative