

Mr. Chairman and honorable committee members,

I want to draw your attention to two letters you have in your packets that have been submitted in opposition to SB 452 from former officials with the state Historical Commission. Jack Shannahan now is treasurer of Connecticut Preservation Action and John Herzan is preservation services officer of the New Haven Preservation Trust. I am Nancy Ahern, and I am on the board of both organizations. I live in a 90-year-old house in a state historic district in New Haven.

Jack and John make clear that due notification of municipal officials is already part of the historic nomination process, in accordance with both state and federal regulations. They believe SB 452 is redundant and unnecessary – and they're the experts!

Thank you for your particular consideration of their letters.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy Ahern". The signature is written in black ink and has a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.