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Hearing on R.B. 5671, An Act Concerning Revaluation of Residential Property in Certain
Municipalities**

Good afternoon Chairman Coleman, Chairman Feltman and members of the Committee. I am Eddie Perez, Mayor of the City of Hartford and I submit this testimony against R.B.5671, An Act Concerning Revaluation of Residential Property in Certain Municipalities.

R.B. 5671 will require certain municipalities to immediately conduct a revaluation in 2008. As many of you know, revaluations take nearly a year of planning and generally up to 8 months to conduct. Furthermore, revaluations are extremely expensive and municipalities begin budgeting for them years in advance in order to break up the cost. As a result, this piece of legislation is incredibly burdensome on the municipalities it affects, to the point of near impracticability.

I hope you will oppose this unfunded and burdensome mandate. Thank you.