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*Testimony of Representative Chris Perone of Norwalk
Before the Planning and Development Committee on
Raised Bill 452, An Act Concerning Notification To Municipalities of Proposed Designation
of Structures on the State National Register of Historic Structures.*

Representative Feltman, Senator Coleman and members of the Planning and Development Committee: I appreciate the opportunity to provide testimony on SB 452, **AN ACT CONCERNING NOTIFICATION TO MUNICIPALITIES OF PROPOSED DESIGNATION OF STRUCTURES ON THE STATE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC STRUCTURES.**

The State Register of Historic Places is the state's official listing of structures and landmarks important to the historical development of Connecticut. It lists resources associated with events and people that have made a significant contribution to our history. The National Register of Historic Places serves the same purpose for the entire country. Properties are listed on the State Register and recommended to the National Park Service for listing in the National Register by the Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism's Historic Preservation Council following review and recommendation by the Division's State Historic Preservation Office staff.

I strongly believe that this bill, if enacted, would make it more difficult to place historic structures on both the State Register and the National Register. The Historic Preservation Council meets monthly in open meetings in Hartford to consider a number of different issues. State or National Register nominations are only a small part of their usual business. It would be an enormous waste of time to make the Council travel all over the state for designations that carry no restrictions and which could qualify a homeowner or a commercial property owner for tax credits.

The result of this change could be virtual stop of nominations to both the State and National Registers. I thank the committee for this opportunity today and I urge the committee to reject this bill.