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Testimony

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On

H.B. 5011, An Act Concerning the Valuation of Materials Used in Prior Elections

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Senator Slossberg and Representative Spallone and honorable members of the Committee, I appear before you today in support of Committee Bill 5011, An Act Concerning the Valuation of Materials Used in Prior Elections.

For the record I am State Representative Mary Fritz of the 90<sup>th</sup> district, serving parts of Cheshire and Wallingford.

As we all learned in the recent election many changes took place because of the creation of the Citizens Campaign Election Fund. One of those changes is addressed by this bill which I thank you for raising. One of the new rules required that all materials used in prior campaigns had to be valued at 100% and such material required a contribution to the fund of that value if the materials were used in the present campaign.

The house hotly debated this issue in the past session – when an amendment asked for the valuation be set at 30%. However, this amendment failed because the representatives wanted no value attached.

As an aside, one of the very cogent arguments made was that in this age of recycling and environmental awareness we are not recycling but forcing people to purchase new.

I believe that this bill will help campaigns! They will not be forced to turn over to the fund 100% of the fair market value of any materials used in a prior campaign when used in a present campaign.