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Senator Coleman, Representative Sharkey, Senator Fasano, Representative Aman and Distinguished Members of the Planning and Development Committee:

Thank you for raising Senate Bill 305, An Act Concerning The Preservation Of Stone Walls. My intention in introducing this bill is to give towns the power to offer some small measure of reward to individual property owners who commit to maintain the integrity of stonewalls owned by them either forever or for an extended period of time. Stonewalls are a signature of our state and are disappearing to development and to the taking of stones for other purposes. I would not expect towns to offer substantial financial benefits to people who agree to preserve their walls but all of us should want to give a tip of the hat to those who are willing to safeguard our heritage in this way. Thank you again for raising this bill.