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TUESDAY, APRIL 5, 2011 APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY

RE: Proposed H.B. No. 5002, AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONSTITUTIONAL SPENDING CAP.

Good Afternoon Chairman Harp, Chairman Walker, Ranking Member Miner, Ranking Member Kane and Appropriations Committee Membership,

I testify today in support of House Bill 5002, "An Act Concerning the Constitutional Spending Cap." For twenty years, our legislature has struggled with taking the appropriate measures to implement the constitutional spending cap that over 81% of voters approved in 1992. Of course, since that time, we as legislators have spent approximately 250% more than we did twenty years ago, a percentage that is drastically more than both the slight increases in inflation and population growth in that same time period.

The time is long past due for us to implement the wishes and desires of a super majority of our constituents by defining the necessary terms to impose the proper cap on our spending. In these difficult economic times, we must implement the spending cap not only to limit our spending as a legislature, but also to protect the very taxpayers we wish to serve. Without the cap, we will continue down the dangerous path of unaffordable spending and will ultimately destroy the very future for our great state which we all should seek to protect.

I encourage my colleagues to please support House Bill 5002 here in the Appropriations Committee, as well as help it obtain the support of a three-fifths majority of the legislature. We can no longer afford to ignore the will of the people.

Respectfully,