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**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HB 5883  
An Act Concerning Multiple Certifications from Campaign Contributors  
Government Administration and Elections Committee Public Hearing  
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Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of HB 5883 An Act Concerning Multiple Certifications from Campaign Contributors. This legislation is intended to reduce the burden placed on campaign and political committee treasurers by requiring the retention of only one certification form in the case of multiple contributions by the same individual.

In an inquiry to the State Elections Enforcement Commission, I was told that when contributing to a political organization multiple times over the course of a year, a contributor form is required each time a contribution is made. Such a requirement seems duplicative and unnecessary. As it continues to get increasingly difficult to find qualified treasurers to serve, any change which improves the process should be considered.

Thank you for your further consideration of HB 5883. Passage of this bill will reduce the burden on treasurers. I also appreciate your inclusion of this provision in HB 6533, AAC the Citizens' Election Program and Campaign Finance Laws. As always, I am happy to provide additional information or answer any questions.