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Senator Slossberg, Representative Morin, and Distinguished Members of the Committee,

I am State Senator Michael McLachlan, and I am here to speak in support of Senate Bill 806, *An Act Requiring the Public Posting of Budget Bills Prior to Any Vote*.

This legislation will require that any appropriation or revenue-related bill be made public prior to any votes being taken on the bill by either a committee or the General Assembly.

In recent years we have seen the taxpayers of both our state and our nation rise up against the endless and often times wasteful spending that our government has approved. Taxpayers want to know how their money is being spent, and with the money left in their pockets dwindling, how exactly that spending or revenue is going to affect their households.

I introduced this bill to give taxpayers a greater voice in the budget discussion. It is important to me that we provide taxpayers with that voice so we, as legislators, can better do our jobs better. With this bill taxpayers would be able to see the language for every appropriation and revenue bill before any body takes a vote on that bill. This period of posting will provide a buffer period for both taxpayers and legislators to review language and gage the exact effects of the bill.

Finally, with the implementation of this bill we are creating more transparency in government. Isn't this a goal that we are always striving for? Making sure that our constituents are aware of the laws we are creating? Listening to their input, so we can best serve their needs?

To me this bill is common sense legislation that will continue to move our efforts in a positive direct. I urge the committee to support Senate Bill 806.

Thank you,

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