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*Testimony by Representative Al Adinolfi
Before the Higher Education & Employment Advancement Committee
On House Bill 5241
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Good morning Chairman Bye, Chairman Willis, Representative LeGeyst, Senator Boucher, and members of the Higher Education & Employment Advancement Committee. Thank you for the opportunity to testify today. I'm here this morning to express my support for **HB 5241 – AN ACT CONCERNING STUDENTS OF PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION LIVING OFF CAMPUS**.

Students that currently live in off-campus housing owned or leased by an institute of higher education should have to adhere to the same policies and regulations as those who live on campus. Whether it be security, alcohol use or litter regulations, there is not a uniform policy when it comes to off campus housing. This could set up two different standards that could be discriminatory towards on campus housing students. I want to be clear though that many colleges do enforce security ordinances for off campus housing however such enforcement is not constant. If such policies were established as law it would make enforcement easier and standard among all higher education facilities. While out in the district I was concerned when I looked at the recycle bins loaded with empty alcoholic containers. I firmly believe that if HB-5241 becomes law it will make it easier to monitor and enforce the institute of higher education's rules and regulations

I would like to bring to your attention that when the bill was drafted it erroneously included the word "public" in its language. The bill's intent was that it should apply to all higher education institutions, public and private. I respectfully request that when the committee deliberates on this bill that the word public be stricken from all sections.

Thank you for the hearing on HB 5241 and I wish to express my support of the bill and the committee's favorable action.

Sincerely,

Rep. Al Adinolfi