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Good morning Chairman Cassano, Chairman Gentile, Ranking Member Fasano, Ranking Member Aman, and members of the Planning and Development Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify today concerning SB 497, AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF SEYMOUR ROAD IN PLYMOUTH and SB 502, AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR REPLACING THE NORTH MAIN STREET BRIDGE IN PLYMOUTH.

Since these bills were submitted, certain residents of the Town of Plymouth have learned that their residential wells contain elevated levels of heavy metals. Short term steps have been undertaken by the town and DEP, however, a long term solution must be found. For those residents who are impacted, their well water is not safe for drinking or cooking.

I respectfully request that the committee substitute the underlining bills with one bill authorizing an appropriation from the state which shall be used for the extension of water mains to Harwinton Avenue and Burr Road in the town of Plymouth. Funding from these bonds would allow impacted residents to access safe drinking water from the town. Extending the water main represents the best long term option and permanent solution to the current and future homeowners.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify today, please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,

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