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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 654, *An Act Concerning Fiscal Notes for State Agency Regulations*.

This bill will promote agency fairness by making sure that long-term fiscal implications are considered prior to adoption of those regulations.

I co-sponsored this bill because of the principle that it promotes. With this bill we will require agencies to provide a fiscal note on any and all regulations that outline the fiscal impacts on the state, municipalities and small businesses with the implementation of that regulation. This will allow law makers, elected officials, business men and women, and most importantly, the citizens of Connecticut, to see on paper where their money is being spent and how that spending will directly impact on the finances of the state.

Such a provision is important for promoting transparency of government actions, something that our out-of-control state spending has placed a focus on recently. The taxpayers of our state deserve to know where their money is going, and how that spending is going to impact the state they live in. Adding this provision is a step in a direct that creates a more efficient and fiscally responsible government for the people of Connecticut.

I urge the committee to support Senate Bill 654, in order to create a better working and more fiscally responsible government for the people of Connecticut.

Thank you,

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