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Testimony for Sen. Andrew Roraback (R-30) Minority Caucus Leader

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB 5537 - AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A PROPERTY TAX PROGRAM TO ENCOURAGE THE
PRESERVATION OF HISTORIC BARNs.

This bill would enable but not require towns to extend property tax relief to individuals who choose to place preservation easements on historic barns. This legislation is modeled after New Hampshire legislation enacted in 2002 and could serve as a meaningful incentive to help preserve signatures of the New England landscape which are fast disappearing. Thank you for this opportunity to submit testimony in support of this important bill.