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Testimony In Support of:

SB 272 AN ACT CONCERNING STATE MANDATES

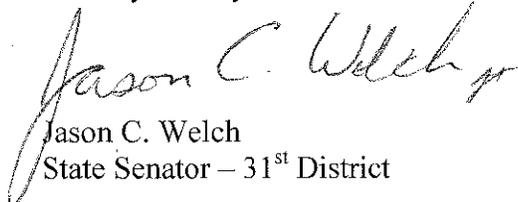
Senator Harp, Representative Walker, Senator Kane, Representative Miner and members of the Appropriations Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of this bill.

This bill will amend the general statutes to require that no bill that creates or enlarges a state mandate to local governments shall be passed without the vote of at least two-thirds of each house of the General Assembly.

This requirement should provide for a better vetting process of any new mandates being placed on our local governments and hopefully give us pause to consider potential impact on municipalities.

This is a step in the right direction to provide municipal mandate relief so that our local governments can have more predictability in their budgetary process.

Thank you for your consideration.


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