



February 14, 2013

The Honorable Senator Leone
The Honorable Representative Tong
Co-Chairmen, Joint Committee on Banks
Legislative Office Building, Room 2400
Capitol Avenue
Hartford, Connecticut 06106

SB 526 AN ACT ALLOWING VICTIMS OF IDENTITY THEFT ACCESS TO BANK AND CREDIT UNION ACCOUNT FUNDS.

Senator Leone, Representative Tong and Members of the Banks Committee:

On behalf of Connecticut's not for profit credit unions, I am submitting testimony on Senate Bill 526, An Act Allowing Victims of Identity Theft Access to Bank and Credit Union Account Funds.

I would like to state that credit unions support this bill as it is import to protect and assist our members when they fall victim to identity theft. The credit union mission is that of "People Helping People" and we take pride in helping our members in every situation that we can. Our only concern is that the bill does not seem to currently have a mechanism of proof of identity theft. I would urge you to consider adding a component to the bill that would allow credit unions and all financial institutions consistency in easily identifying identity theft; for example, a copy of a credit report with noted discrepancy.

Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kelly Ramsey Fuhlbrigge".

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