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State Representative, 90<sup>th</sup> District  
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Committee Bill 5308, An Act Concerning Certain Applications for Reimbursement from the  
Underground Storage Tank Petroleum Clean-Up Program

Senator Meyer, Representative Gentile and distinguished members of the Environment  
Committee,

For the record, I am State Representative Mary Fritz of the 90<sup>th</sup> Assembly District, which  
is made up of parts of Cheshire and Wallingford.

I appear before you in support of Committee Bill No. 5308, "An Act Concerning Certain  
Applications for Reimbursement from the Underground Storage Tank Petroleum Clean-Up  
Program."

This legislation will allow a constituent and several family members who inherited  
property that was formerly leased to a gas station to apply to the Underground Storage Tank  
Petroleum Clean-Up Program to cover the costs to remediate a neighboring property. When a  
spill was detected, Alliance Petroleum remediated the site and received reimbursement from the  
Underground Storage Tank Fund. The fact that a plume escaped to the neighboring property was  
not known at that time.

Subsequently, DEP cleaned up the adjacent site and the current owners could no longer  
apply to the fund for reimbursement. This legislation does not guarantee payment, but it does  
give the owners an opportunity to apply to the fund and make their case for reimbursement. I  
respectfully request your support for this legislation.

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