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Representative Larry B. Butler, Chairman  
Member of the Housing Committee of the Connecticut General Assembly  
300 Capital Avenue  
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Dear Chairman Butler and Members of the Housing Committee,

I want to congratulate you for your introduction and members of the Housing Committee for your initial steps in regards to Proposed Bill 5619, an act concerning the extermination of bed bugs in public housing.

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There is no debate from anybody that bed bugs create a nuisance to the general public as they disrupt our basic daily living. Early detection is critical in the challenge of this nasty, nocturnal and secretive pest.

Though you are in your beginning stages of crafting legislation, I am hoping there is wording that invites proactive measures to detect bed bugs. These pests populate geometrically that creates remediation efforts more difficult to eradicate. Think of this step like getting regular medical and dental checkups from your dentist or doctor. We all want to know about a problem before it becomes worse. Bed bugs are no exception.

In my business, we see many challenges in multifamily housing, in such there are human populations who do not have reactions to bed bug bites, therefore don't recognize their effects on those who do. This is true from our senior citizens, especially with those of cognitive issues.

Your proposed legislation is a great step in the right direction! Please advise if you should need additional information.

Yours truly,

*Michael F. Morin*

Michael F. Morin, Member