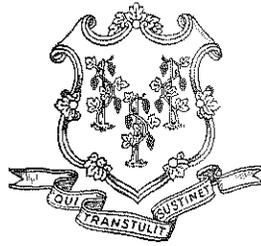


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Good morning Chairmen Bartolomeo and Butler and the members of the Housing Committee. I am here to provide testimony for SB 334 An Act Concerning Bed Bugs. Last year I submitted a bill which sought to provide more clarity when it comes to dealing with the issue of bed bugs. We tried to assign duties and responsibilities to both landlords and tenants. The Bill did not pass but the situation has not changed, as a matter of fact it has worsen.

Currently, as it stands there is no clear direction on how one is to deal with the remediation of a bed bug infestation. I have gotten many phone calls from constituents asking me for assistance and I reach out to my local Public Health Department and it seems like they are not equipped to handle the situation. As it stands right now municipalities are in different stages of trying to deal with this epidemic. Some municipalities are drafting their own local ordinances and others are just letting their Public Health Departments deal with it. The State should provide a very clear message as to how this situation should be dealt with. Instead of having a series of ordinances which can ask landlords to do very different things from city to city and town to town; the State should provide a very clear statute which all landlords and all tenants can follow regardless to where they might live in CT.

There has been a group of individuals working together to try to deal with all possible issues, landlords, tenant groups, legislators and pest control companies. I am confident we can get to a place where we handle all of the concerns of all groups and come up with an effective statute which will help everyone. I ask this committee to move this bill forward and provide the direction which this State so desperately needs. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to provide testimony to this committee.

Respectfully Submitted by,

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