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In Support of Proposed H.B. 5438 An Act Concerning Unfunded Mandates on Schools and Municipalities

Planning & Development Committee Public Hearing Testimony Friday, February 1, 2013

Dear Chairman Cassano, Chairman Rojas, Senator Fasano, Representative Aman and members of the Planning and Development Committee:

I am writing in support of H.B. 5438, An Act Concerning Unfunded Mandates on Schools and Municipalities. I support this bill for many reasons and would suggest that this committee also include language raising prevailing wage limits.

- Doing so will lower the cost of State and municipal building or rehabilitation projects.
- Will allow smaller, local construction companies to take part in the bidding process.
- May spur construction thus job growth.
- Will support equal competition in the marketplace and give our local businesses a chance to compete, to grow, and to succeed.

It has been more than 15 years since we've taken a prudent increase in prevailing wage limits. It is my hope that this committee will see fit to advance this bill so it can receive full debate in each chamber of our legislature.

Thank you again for raising this bill. I hope you will see fit to vote this out favorably.

Representative Piscopo