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To: Murszewski, Peter; Rep. Hennessy, Jack
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Written Testimony as I will be out of CT on the date of the Planning & Development Committee hearing.

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By email & fax

BRIDGEPORT RETIRED CT CIVICS TEACHER SUPPORTS HB-5724

**TO: Legislative Planning & Development Committee
Chairs Sen. Cassano & Rep. Gentile,
Ranking Members, Sen. Fasano & Rep. Aman and
Member Ladies and Gentlemen**

DATE: February 8, 2013

174 words

In Bridgeport your colleague and my State Legislator Rep. Jack Hennessy is a good Democrat, but also an independent thinker and I applaud this character trait. His proposed HB-5724 is a bill with a conscience. It seeks to fix a loophole at the state level that only you and your colleagues can set right. It seeks to prevent paid employees of a municipality from being elected and then serving on that same municipality's governing council. Bridgeport has this blatant conflict of interest in perpetual motion. Bridgeport's Charter states that Bridgeport's City Council members cannot be City employees. But in fact many Council members are indeed City employees because of a state statute. The Hennessy Bill would fix this "self-dealing" situation so unfair to all Bridgeport taxpayers. As a member of the Bridgeport Area

League of Women Voters and a CT certified Social Studies teacher, I implore each of you to move this bill forward to a floor vote in this Session. And I urge each of you to cast your vote in support of HB-5724. Thank you.

(a true signature will be on the faxed letter)

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