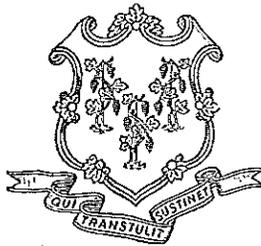


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Senate Co-Chair Steve Cassano
House Co-Chair Representative Jason Rojas
Planning and Development Committee
300 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Chairs, Ranking Members, and Members of the Planning and Development Committee:

Testimony in Support of: RAISED SB-692, AN ACT CONCERNING COMPETITIVE BIDDING FOR MUNICIPALITIES.

Good morning. I want to thank Co-Chairs Cassano and Rojas, Ranking Members Fasano and Aman, as well as distinguished members of the Planning and Development Committee for the opportunity to testify on behalf of Raised Senate Bill 692, An Act Concerning Competitive Bidding for Municipalities.

Competitive bidding is an important feature of the contracting process to ensure that municipalities achieve the necessary tasks at the lowest possible cost to the taxpayers. However, the process also entails expenses of time and funds through attorney fees, the publication of legal notices, and the preparation of bid documents.

This bill would maintain the essential aspects of competitive bidding for major projects while simultaneously providing towns with the flexibility to efficiently purchase items and services from \$7,500 to \$15,000, which are of relatively low value. Municipalities would be allowed the opportunity to move quickly and decisively, without wasting unnecessary funds and time going out to bid for these small purchases and services.

Thank you very much for the opportunity to testify before the Planning and Development Committee. I respectfully request that the Committee pass this legislation and help streamline the contracting process.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary D. LeBeau".

Gary LeBeau
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