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Dear Senator Cassano, Representative Rojas, and distinguished members of the Planning and Development Committee,

I am State Senator Michael McLachlan, and I am here today to speak in support of *Senate Bill 143, An Act Concerning the Publication of Notice in Newspapers*.

I was prompted to introduce this legislation after speaking with several chief elected officials, who were troubled by the inefficiencies associated with the mandate of the publication of legal notices on municipalities.

This legislation will provide municipalities the option of when publishing legal notice in newspapers that they are only required to include a brief description of the matter being put to notice and a reference to the municipal website for additional information on the notice.

Furthermore, this legislation will permit these notices to be made in weekly free newspapers that are mailed to residents. These newspapers are sent to every resident, whereas newspapers are only looked at in print copies by a small percentage of residents. Placing notices in these newspapers gives the opportunity for more residents to see such notices.

With this legislation, I hope to relieve municipalities of some of the current mandates that are required for newspaper notices, and provide them options to post these notices to the best for their goals.

I urge the committee to support this legislation.

Thank you for your time.