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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF
H.B. No. 5158 (RAISED) AN ACT PROHIBITING THE INCLUSION OF THE ENTIRE
ACCOUNT NUMBER ON BANK STATEMENTS
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Good afternoon Senator Leone, Representative Tong, and the members of the Committee on Banks. My name is Elizabeth Ritter and I am the State Representative from the 38th District, representing Waterford and Montville. I am here in support of H.B. No. 5158 AN ACT PROHIBITING THE INCLUSION OF THE ENTIRE ACCOUNT NUMBER ON BANK STATEMENTS

Thank you very much for raising this bill. As I indicated to the Chairs, this suggestion came to me from a constituent who had asked her bank to redact all but the last four digits of her bank account number from the statements and notices she received in the mail and from deposit slips. Her concern was over protection of her financial information and identity, but the bank refused.

This practice is already often used for social security number and bank card protection. Sometimes, it is used on banking information, say for certificate of deposit numbers or on deposit slips, but it does not appear to be universally adopted. In any case, it seems to be a logical and practical approach utilizing existing technology that would provide a greater degree of identity protection at very little, if any, cost. I am surprised it has not already become more common.

I have included a letter from my constituents, Phyllis and Robert Chester, on the back of this testimony.

Thank you for your time and attention. I am always available for questions.