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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the need to provide towns with mandate relief.

I support SB-94 - AN ACT CONCERNING THE PUBLICATION OF MUNICIPAL LEGAL NOTICES IN NEWSPAPERS

Publishing legal notices in newspapers cost the Town of Bethany $20,500 in FY12 and we have no idea how many residents actually get the *New Haven Register*. The less expensive weeklies no longer cover Bethany. Allowing towns to publish such notices on the website will ensure that people have greater access to this information.

I urge your support for this bill, which represents a compromise that will address concerns that some people may not have access to the Internet. By requiring towns to provide a summary in the newspaper and direct people to the town website or town hall for more information, this bill is a positive step forward..

Thank you for the opportunity to comment in ***support*** of SB-94.