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Sen. Musto, Rep. Jutila, Sen. Meyer, Rep. Lesser and members of the Government Administration and Elections Committee,

I am Sen. Art Linares, and I am testifying in support of H.B. 5431: AN ACT REQUIRING THE SUSPENSION OF ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES IMPOSED ON CERTAIN BUSINESS ENTITIES

The legislation would suspend any civil penalty assessed against any business entity for a violation of any provision of a state regulation if the business is a first-time violator and the business takes remedial measures to completely correct the violation not later than 30 days after the assessment of the penalty.

This is a common sense measure which will allow small businesses the chance to swiftly correct its error. We want our small businesses to grow and thrive. Still, our small businesses have a maze of state regulations to deal with, and those regulations are often altered from year to year.

We are all striving to make our state more business friendly. This bill will move us in the right direction.