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Testimony on rHB 5342 An Act Concerning The Penalty For Larceny By Defrauding A Public Community.

Dear Chairmen Coleman and Fox, Ranking Members Kissel and Rebimbas, and distinguished members of the Judiciary Committee:

I am here to testify in strong support of rHB 5342, which would establish a mandatory minimum sentence of five years imprisonment for larceny in the first degree when the property is obtained by defrauding the public. Unfortunately my community has first-hand experience with a former official who has pleaded in court of using millions of public dollars for personal gain, which presented a severe hardship to all of the residents and great harm to our bond rating and ability to pay bills and maintain a safe and healthy financial position.

The goal of this legislation is deter any official that has access to public funds to think twice before stealing from taxpayers for personal gain. Thank you for your consideration.

Kindly,

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