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Representative Rojas, Senator Osten, Representative Aman, Senator Fassno, members of the Planning and Development Committee, thank you for giving me the opportunity to submit testimony to your committee.

I am writing in support of **HB 5349 - AN ACT CONCERNING THE TIME IN WHICH CERTAIN RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY OWNERS MAY APPEAL AN ASSESSMENT.**

The origin of this bill comes from a group of property owners in my district who were victims of unfair assessments during the last evaluation. An independent consultant concluded there were irregularities with the assessments of properties owned around Candlewood Lake in Danbury.

Many residents missed the deadline to file an appeal because the consultant published their findings outside of the appeal window.

Allowing property owners to appeal thirty days before the date on which the second installment of the property tax payment for such property is due, as long as the assessment for such property has increased by at least twenty percent from the previous assessment year provides a fair change to the appeal process. This will allow the opportunity for the property owner to file an appeal if the anomaly with the assessment is recognized after the original appeal window has closed.

Thank you very much for your consideration and attention to this issue!

If you have any further question regarding this testimony please don't hesitate to email me or give me a call.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Arconti".

Sincerely,
Rep. David Arconti
State Representative
District 109th