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HOUSING COMMITTEE

PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY  
IN SUPPORT OF  
HOUSE BILL 5057

“AN ACT CONCERNING INCENTIVES FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AFFORDABLE  
HOUSING FOR SENIOR CITIZENS.”

Good Evening Chairman Winfield, Chairman Butler, Ranking Member Hwang, Ranking Member Kupchick, and the Honorable members of the Housing Committee, I am State Representative Kurt Vail of Stafford. I appreciate the opportunity to submit testimony in support of Proposed Bill 5057, An Act Concerning Incentives for the Establishment of Affordable Housing for Senior Citizens.

By increasing the unit equivalency points awarded for senior housing under 8-30g, municipalities will be incentivized to address the lack of senior housing available in their communities. As a result, towns will be able to build more senior citizen housing, thus allowing more elderly residents to stay in Connecticut. Many currently feel they must leave for states where the housing situations are more amenable to seniors. These citizens deserve the ability to stay in the communities they have lived in for many years. This bill will help solve this growing problem and will help the aging residents of our state.

Again, I thank the Committee for their time and for the opportunity to comment on this legislation.