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Testimony in support of HB 6924: AN ACT INCREASING THE AMOUNT OF DAMAGES THAT MAY BE CLAIMED IN A
SMALL CLAIMS ACTION
Judiciary Committee

Senator Coleman, Representative Tong, Senator Kissel, Representative Rebimbas, and distinguished members of the Judiciary Committee:

Thank you for raising 6924—An Act Increasing The Amount Of Damages That May Be Claimed In Small Claims Court—which seeks to raise the limit on small claims cases.

I have been an attorney for over 20 years. My practice focuses mainly on civil and business litigation.

Throughout my career I have met numerous litigants with claims that are too small to hire an attorney, but too large to go to small claims court. Regrettably, these citizens either lose their day in court, or try to represent themselves pro se in Superior Court. Either choice presents problems for our society and/or our court system.

Raising the limit on small claims cases will alleviate both problems.

I welcome the opportunity to work with the committee on this bill and/or to address the issues discussed herein.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John Shaban".

John Shaban
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