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Planning and Development Committee
Legislative Office Building, Room 2100
Hartford, CT 06106

Co-Chair Senator Cathy Osten
Co-Chair Representative Philip Miller

House Bill No. 5096: An Act Increasing the Threshold Required for Passage of Unfunded Mandates.

Dear Legislators,

I am very pleased to write in support of this bill. I am unable to attend this hearing, but would like to show my support.

For many years, our communities have been challenged with mandates that have good intentions but often leave the local budgets with hefty fees to implement them. This bill offers a great opportunity to make any mandate or requirement be fully vetted with the committees and make sure that the impact is well defined prior to implementation.

My request is that you pass this bill to avoid unfunded mandates in the future.

Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to a successful session in Hartford.

Sincerely,

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cc: Senator Paul Formica
Representative Kathleen McCarty