

I am writing to provide testimony in support of the passage of House Bill No. 5096, an act increasing the threshold for passage of unfunded mandates. Taxpayers of the State of Connecticut and the various townships are already overburdened by tax obligations. The ability of the state to impose mandatory expenditures without sufficiently funding them must be carefully thought out. Requiring approval for two-thirds of the members of both Chambers of the General Assembly for passage of any new or expanded unfunded mandates on municipalities will insure that proper thought has been applied and appropriate support exists for the mandate.

Thank you.

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