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Testimony in Support of Proposed HB 5096 (*with suggested additional language*)

An Act Increasing The Threshold Required For Passage Of Unfunded Mandates.

Planning and Development Committee

February 4, 2015

Chairmen Osten and Miller, Ranking Members Linares and Aman, and members of the Planning and Development Committee. I would like to thank the Committee for the opportunity to testify in support of Proposed **HB 5096** with suggested additional language. The intent of the bill will benefit the legislature when contemplating proposals that impact all of our municipalities and boards of education in mandating new responsibilities.

The compounding new unfunded mandates that continues to be passed by the legislature every year is hurting our towns and public schools that force either property tax increases and or reductions in local services.

I suggest the following language be added to Proposed HB 5096. After the word 'mandate' and delete 'on municipalities' in Line 4, 'for which no state reimbursement is provided to local governments for costs resulting from such new mandate.'

I feel this additional language makes the bill stronger and provides a direct link to connect state funds to pay for the new mandate should the proposal be adopted in each chamber by a two-thirds vote.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Dave Yaccarino