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Public Safety and Security Committee - Public Hearing on

Proposed Bill No. 6307, An Act Requiring a Power-Assisted Door at Elderly Housing Complexes

Written Testimony of Cathy K. Forcier

Ladies and Gentlemen of the Housing Committee –

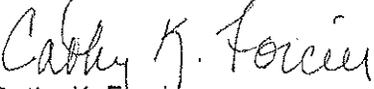
I'd like to thank Representatives Ackert for his good intentions in introducing this bill.

I have been a public housing practitioner for over 25 years. My experience includes being the current President of the Connecticut Chapter of the National Association of Housing & Redevelopment Officials more commonly known as CONN-NAHRO. I am currently the Executive Director of the Wethersfield Housing Authority.

It would be ideal to be able to accommodate everything each one of my residents could need and/or want. I am very concerned about the safety and quality of life of my residents. However, state public housing operates only on the low rents it collects. There are no operating subsidies. Each new expense serves its purpose but also requires an increase in the rent collected from each of the extremely low income tenants we serve.

I can only support Proposed Bill No. 6307 requiring a power-assisted door at each elderly housing complex if the state of Connecticut will provide the funding to do so.

Respectfully submitted,


Cathy K. Forcier