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Testimony in Support of Senate Bill Number 537 Commerce Committee February 10, 2015

Chairs Perone and Hartley, Ranking Members Camillo and France and Members of the Commerce Committee, I would like to thank the Committee for raising **Senate Bill 537: An Act Authorizing Bonds of the State for the Bryan-Andrew House in the Town of Orange.**

This bill authorizes the issuance of bonds to be utilized by the Department of Economic Development for the purpose of providing a grant-in-aid to the Bryan-Andrew House in the town of Orange. These funds will be used to complete the interior renovation of this historic home which will include a fully functional kitchen facility that is to be utilized by local schools and community organizations for educational purposes.

The Bryan-Andrew House provides my community with a important glimpse into Orange's proud history and is a valuable educational resource. I urge the Commerce Committee to pass Senate Bill Number 537 to provide funding for this historic home.

Thank you.