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Environment Committee  
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#### TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 5026 AN ACT PROVIDING PERSONS AGE SIXTY-FIVE OR OLDER WITH PERMANENT FISHING LICENSES

Dear Senator Kennedy, Representative Albis, Senator Chapin, Representative Shaban, and members of the Environment Committee:

I want to thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of HB 5026. The bill will allow for citizens who are over 65 to receive a free fishing license for life. Although the state does provide for a free fishing license to anyone over 65, there is one small caveat; the individual must reapply each year to obtain the fishing license.

I propose, when the individual turns 65 and applies for the fishing license, it will be valid for the rest of their life. This will eliminate both the process of renewing each year as well as the time and material wasted reissuing the license year after year. I believe this will result in a savings for both the people and the state. No longer will our seniors have to travel to town hall each year to receive what you already have.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Samuel P. Belsito'.

Sam Belsito  
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