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Sen. Gerratana, Rep. Ritter and members of the Public Health Committee:

I am Sen. Rob Kane, and I am testifying in favor of Proposed S.B. No. 111 AN ACT CONCERNING SUSHI RICE.

Some have called this bill's title one of the most intriguing titles of the 2015 session. The idea for this bill originated from a constituent of mine. They operate a sushi restaurant, and they brought to my attention an aspect of our state law that needs updating. Under current law, the Department of Public Health and local health departments are not required to allow acidification of sushi rice as an alternative to refrigeration. This bill would allow acidification of sushi rice as an acceptable means of preservation. It's a simple change to our law which would not impact public health in a negative way. It would also send a message to restaurant owners and small businesses in Connecticut that we are listening to their concerns and taking positive actions in response to those concerns.

Thank you for your consideration of S.B. 111.

Sincerely,

State Senator Rob Kane

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