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AN ACT INCREASING CERTAIN MUNICIPAL FILING FEES

Members of the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Raised Bill No. 5492 "An Act Increasing Certain Municipal Filing Fees".

I am writing this testimony in support of Raised Bill No. 5492. This Bill focuses on Increasing Certain Municipal Filing Fees collected by Town Clerks. Some of the fees to be impacted by this bill have been stagnant for decades. Municipalities may not set their own fees regarding the statutory duties of the Clerk's Office. Additionally, a large portion of the fees collected by the Clerks in administration of their duties are forwarded to the State. Accordingly, it is in that spirit that I am very supportive of this bill and I implore its passage.

Please don't hesitate to contact me at 860-873-5021 if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Mark B. Walter
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