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**Testimony of Senate Majority Leader Bob Duff in Support of Senate Bill 311
AAC Food Enrichment Requirements
General Law Committee
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Senator Leone, Representative Baram, Senator Witkos, Representative Carter and distinguished members of the General Law Committee, I am submitting testimony today in favor of Senate Bill 311, An Act Concerning Food Enrichment Requirements.

The need for this legislation was brought to our attention by Gus Sclafani Importers of Norwalk, a highly respected and successful family business in my community.

This legislation will provide flexibility to food importing and manufacturing establishments across Connecticut – allowing them to import and manufacture products in compliance with current federal and state food standards. It clarifies Connecticut law and removes requirements that certain products, such as flour, bread and pasta, be enriched with certain vitamins and minerals. The federal government no longer requires this and it is no longer done when these items are made. If passed, the bill will allow Gus Sclafani Importers, and similar businesses in Connecticut to produce in and import to Connecticut delicious food products from around the world.

I thank the General Law Committee for raising this bill and I ask that it be given a favorable report so that Connecticut businesses can compete and succeed in an ever-changing global marketplace.

I thank the committee for raising this concept and ask that you give the bill a favorable report. I look forward to working with you as this bill moves forward and am happy to answer any questions the committee may have.