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## Testimony

In support of  
**Raised H.B. No. 5258, AAC A PROPERTY OWNER'S LIABILITY FOR THE  
EXPENSES OF REMOVING A FALLEN TREE OR LIMB.**

Judiciary Committee

March 2, 2016

Dear Sen. Coleman, Rep. Tong, Sen. Kissel, Rep. Rebimbas, and distinguished members of the Judiciary Committee:

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on HB 5258, AAC A PROPERTY OWNER'S LIABILITY FOR THE EXPENSES OF REMOVING A FALLEN TREE OR LIMB.

This is an improved version of a bill I introduced in 2014 that gained passage, but was vetoed by the Governor. His concerns then have been addressed in this version. A licensed arborist must be hired by the party seeking action on the owner of the property where the diseased, dead, or hazardous tree is located; several exemptions of real property owned by a political subdivision of the state, a water company as defined in section 25-32a of the general statutes, or a nonprofit organization qualified as a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or any subsequent corresponding internal revenue code of the United States; (2) real property that is subject to a conservation easement held by such nonprofit organization; (3) timber land as described in section 12-97 of the general statutes; or (4) forest land

as described in section 12-107d of the general statutes; and the provision that the written notice shall not run with the land.

Again, thank you for considering this effort to protect property owners for damage caused by trees not belonging to them, after they have followed the process of proper certification and notification.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fred Camillo". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

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