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Testimony

R.H.B. 5181 An Act Concerning The Delivery Of Free Newspapers **Planning and Development Committee** **February 19th, 2016**

Chairman Senator Osten, Chairman Representative Miller, Ranking Member Senator Linares, Ranking Member Representative Aman and distinguished members of the Planning and Development Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify and offer written testimony in support of RHB 5181 An Act Concerning The Delivery Of Free Newspapers.

I am here today to speak to you about a matter of safety, both for our residents and our environment. I was contacted by a constituent who travels frequently for extended periods of time. She naturally makes arrangements for her mail to be held at the post office so it does not pile up and alert strangers that no one is home, nor does it get blown across her lawn onto neighboring properties. She found, however, that having her mail held did not prevent unsolicited newspapers, delivered through the windows of cars instead of being properly franked through our mail system, from littering driveways.

My constituent's difficulty stemmed from not being able to cancel this unsolicited, free newspaper subscription, despite several attempts to contact the parent newspaper company. She finally contacted my office and we worked with her and the Department of Consumer Protection to fix the situation. It should never have gone on as long as it did and the parent newspaper failed to relay her messages. Unwanted newspapers continued to pile up and litter the neighborhood.

I urge you to consider RHB 5181 to provide a simple mechanism for Connecticut's residents to unsubscribe from unsolicited newspapers. I will continue to make myself available to answer any questions you may have. Thank you again for this opportunity and for the great work this Committee has accomplished.

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