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Testimony Supporting House Bill No. 5478

AN ACT CONCERNING GRANTS IN LIEU OF TAXES

Senator Osten, Representative Miller, Senator Linares, Representative Aman and distinguished members of the Planning and Development Committee. I would like to thank you for the opportunity to submit written testimony in support of House Bill No. 5478 An Act Concerning Grants in Lieu of Taxes.

This bill seeks to remedy an anomaly that has developed in the College and Hospital PILOT Program. The current language of CGS 12-20a allows municipalities to receive a PILOT payment for all real property owned by private nonprofit institutions of higher learning. Nothing in the language of this grant prohibits a municipality from claiming college owned magnet schools who provide primary and secondary education. This proposal limits the types of real property that are eligible for this grant. By limiting the types of properties a municipality may claim, all eligible municipalities should receive an increased share of this prorated grant.

I respectfully request that the committee support this bill. I would like to again thank the committee for the opportunity to present this testimony, and I am happy to answer any questions you may have.