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TESTIMONY OF REPRESENTATIVE Mary G. Fritz, 90TH DISTRICT
Planning and Development Committee Public Hearing
March 4th, 2016

Senator Osten, Representative Miller, fellow members of the Planning and Development Committee,

For the record, I am State Representative of the 90th District, representing parts of Cheshire and Wallingford. Due to circumstances beyond my control, I cannot appear before you. However, my great aide, Mary Quinn will present my testimony for me.

I am in very strong support of House Bill 5481 because of circumstances, which financially impact the town of Cheshire.

Cheshire was in the process of building a new water treatment plant when the E.P.A. established the new standards for phosphorus. The town decided to include this new mandate since the plant was being built. Unfortunately, the surrounding towns were receiving 50% for phosphorous reduction but because Cheshire started quickly, the grant was reduced to 30%.

I have attached an amendment, which would level the playing field for Cheshire. Because the town was already in a position of building a new water treatment plant, should not mean that the town would not be treated with equity in solving the phosphorus problem.

I believe this amendment does restore that equity and I truly hope you will support both my amendment and the bill.

Thank you for your time,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary G. Fritz".

Rep. Mary G. Fritz

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***AN ACT CONCERNING PHOSPHOROUS REDUCTION
REIMBURSEMENTS TO MUNICIPALITIES.***

In line 17, after the period, insert the following:

"Any municipality that undertook a phosphorous reduction between July 1, 2012 and the effective date of this section that otherwise meets the effluent discharge level described in this subdivision shall receive a project grant of fifty per cent of the cost of the project regardless of whether such phosphorous reduction was the primary purpose of such project, provided if such municipality received a project grant pursuant to subdivision (3) of this section for thirty per cent of the cost of the project, such municipality shall receive an additional project grant of twenty per cent of the cost of such project pursuant to this subdivision."