

Testimony of: Raymond S. Steadward Jr. Bloomfield Building Official/ CBOA president

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Chairman Dargan, Chairman Larson, Members of the Public Safety and Security Committee, for the record my name is Raymond S. Steadward Jr. from the Town of Bloomfield and President of Connecticut Building Officials Association and I am here to testify in support of:

SB-119

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO STUDY HOARDING.

I would like to thank the committee for the opportunity to submit testimony here today.

I would like to offer this testimony in support for this bill. This is an issue that Towns across the State are struggling to deal with. A coordinated effort needs to be made to establish proper procedures and resources to assist local officials in dealing with these difficult situations and protect our citizens. The situations typically cross boundaries between building, fire, mental health, physical health, senior and social services. The punitive remediation measures under the building code do not get at the root of the problem and may solve it in one location and transfer it to another. Any assistance we can get at dealing with this issue is greatly appreciated! Thank You!