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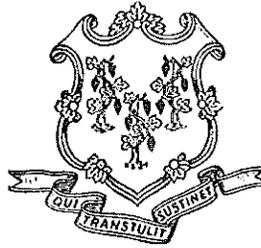
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In Support of SB 438

An Act Designating Various Months, Weeks, and Days of Commemoration

Chairman Cassano, Chairman Jutila and Honorable Members of the Government Administration and Elections Committee, thank you for hearing SB 438. My name is Cathy Osten and I represent the 19th Senate district. I am here to testify in support of Senate Bill 438, An Act Designating Various Months, Weeks, and Days of Commemoration.

I want to thank the committee for including subdivision 73, which proclaims the third week of October of each year to be Male Breast Cancer Awareness Week. The purpose of this commemoration is to heighten public awareness of the associated presentation and available treatments for male breast cancer. After hearing from several of my constituents, who have suffered from this disease, I believe it is necessary to increase awareness among men that they, too, can develop breast cancer and ought to seek treatment as soon as possible.

I also want to thank the committee for including subdivision 76, which proclaims the month of March of each year to be Connecticut Maple Month. I have several maple producers throughout my district who work tirelessly and contribute mightily to the local and state economy. As we celebrate the contributions of Connecticut's farms during our annual Ag Day at the Capitol commemoration, it is quite fitting that we designate the month of March in honor of our state's maple producers.

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify in support of Senate Bill 438. And I look forward to working with the leadership and members of this committee on this bill's passage.