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Senator Osten, Representative Miller and members of the Planning and Development Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in strong support of **H.B. 5177, "An Act Extending the Deadline for the Land Value Taxation Pilot Program"**.

Enacted in 2012 and expanded in 2013, this program allows selected municipalities to assess properties at their potential commercial value. The intent of the program is to incentivize the development of undeveloped or under-developed parcels of land. In the city of Hartford, there are many neighborhoods that contain undeveloped parcels in key locations throughout the city. If selected, Hartford would have the ability to assess these properties to represent their true worth. Adding land value taxation to the tool kit available to municipalities would go a long way to helping spur urban development.

I urge you to support this important legislation that would encourage development and economic growth for municipalities.

Respectfully submitted,

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