

**Testimony is support of Raised House Bill 5180 – An Act Concerning the Documentation of  
Concrete Foundation Applications  
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Senate Chair Osten, House Chair Miller, Vice Chairs, Ranking Members and Members of the Planning and Development Committee:

My name is Saud Anwar and I want to thank you all for allowing me the opportunity to speak in support of HB 5180 – An Act Concerning the Documentation of Concrete Foundation Applications. As you may know this is an issue, which has disproportionately affected South Windsor, the community I am proud to serve as a member of the Town Council.

For more than a year, I have been working with homeowners in my town, and attending regional meetings to try to get answers to why some home foundations are crumbling, what homeowners can do to fix this devastating structural problem, and who will be financially responsible. As I sit here today, there are no good answers to any of those questions.

For affected homeowners, the problem is a disastrous. We now know of at least one home that has been deemed uninhabitable. No construction solution has proven successful at fixing the problem. Some insurance companies have refused to cover repairs. And homeowners are looking at the very real potential of seeing the greatest investment of their lifetimes become a total financial loss.

HB5180 would give future homeowners at least one more tool in solving a problem should one occur after buying a home.

I do want to mention that there is a lot more that is needed for the current homeowners impacted by this disaster. Some of the next steps must include:

1: Transparency around the current crisis.

- Obtaining all records of JJ Mottes to identify which homes are at high risk of being impacted.
- Getting records of the contractors to identify properties that have the concrete from the source.
- State should release the minutes of the CT Insurance department from 1980s to now regarding

the concrete issues.

2: Expediting the State Study process and sharing the results with the citizens.

3: State of CT supported – testing of homes.

4: Insurance payments to the victims in a timely manner.

5: Unified policy of property value reassessment for affected properties in all impacted towns.

6: Establishment of Zero percent interest loans for replacements, to be repaid when the alternative funding programs are available.

7: Establishing a State Commission with representation from private citizens, towns, state legislators, insurance, banking and our federal partners.

Thank you again for the opportunity to provide testimony to you today.

Respectfully Submitted

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