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#### TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 5180 AN ACT CONCERNING THE DOCUMENTATION OF CONCRETE FOUNDATION APPLICATIONS

Good Morning Co-Chairs Senator Osten, Representative Miller; Vice Chairs Senator Cassano, Representative D'Agostino; Ranking Members Senator Linares, Representative Aman; and esteemed members of the Committee. My name is Sam Belsito and I am proud to represent the 53<sup>rd</sup> District, which encompasses the towns of Ashford, Tolland, and Willington. I am testifying in support of bill HB 5180.

I wanted to thank you for the chance to testify on behalf of HB 5180, which came about due to crumbling foundations in numerous residencies not only in my district, but in many areas of our State. These foundations were constructed during the mid-1980s until the late 1990s and it appears the crushed stone used contained a mineral which drastically weaken the resulting concrete. Unfortunately, the outcome of this has been the premature failure of these foundations decades before they should. In addition, not only is this not covered by homeowners insurance, but the statutes of limitations have expired, taking away most recourse for affected homeowners. Moreover, the extent of this problem is not completely known at this time and the number of affected homeowners could be many more than have been acknowledged.

I do realize this bill does not necessarily address the fundamental issue affecting our constituents. Nevertheless I do feel this is an important first step to what could become a major crisis for our state. We most all work together to find a solution for this horrendous issue facing our residents.

Thank you for your consideration.

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