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Senator Catherine Osten
Rep. Philip Miller
Planning & Development Committee

Re: *H.B. No. 5180 An Act Concerning the Documentation of Concrete Foundation Applications*

Thank you for hearing HB 5180, *An Act Concerning the Documentation of Concrete Foundation Applications*. As the Senator for the area of the state that is severely impacted by the crumbling concrete foundation issue I appreciate your willingness to consider this proposed bill.

As you may know, eastern Connecticut is being struck by unusually large number of concrete foundations that are crumbling. The cause of the failing foundations is under investigation in a joint effort of the Department of Consumer Protection and the Office of the Attorney General. Several theories exist for the crumbling foundations including poor instillation and faulty material.

The purpose of HB 5180 is to document the name of the individual or entity that poured the foundation and the date or dates the foundation was poured to the building official before the certificate of occupancy is granted. I would like to request the Committee consider a change to the bill as currently drafted. In addition to documenting the installer or "pourer" of the foundation I request that the bill be expanded to require the supplier of the concrete be provided to the building official.

Concrete is a natural material and variations of that material are possible. Documentation of both the supplier of the material as well as the installer could be an important piece of information if this terrible situation occurs in the future.

I urge the committee to consider these changes and passage of the bill.