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Testimony of Sen. Rob Kane
Planning and Development Committee
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***Raised Bill No. 89: AN ACT CONCERNING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS BY
TOWN BOARDS OF FINANCE WITHOUT TOWN MEETING APPROVAL***

Sen. Osten, Rep. Miller, Sen. Linares, Rep. Aman, and members of the Planning and Development Committee.

I am Sen. Rob Kane and I am writing to you today to speak in favor of Raised Bill No. 89: AN ACT CONCERNING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS BY TOWN BOARDS OF FINANCE WITHOUT TOWN MEETING APPROVAL.

I have discussed this bill with Sen. Osten and I thank her for her raising it. This bill aims to increase the amount of additional appropriations a town board of finance may appropriate without town meeting approval. It is a measure which provides municipal governments with much needed flexibility. In fact, this proposal addresses an issue that has emerged in Woodbury, one of the many small towns in my district. As a municipal elected official, Sen. Osten knows as well as any of us how budgets are stretched thin at the local level. We, as state legislators, need to do all we can to respond to the needs of towns and to help them do the best work they can for property taxpayers.

So I thank Sen. Osten for recognizing this bill's merits, and look forward to working with her and all of you in a bipartisan fashion to see it become law.

Sincerely,

State Senator Rob Kane
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