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Before the Planning & Development Committee in Opposition to RAISED SB 418:  
AN ACT REQUIRING LAKE AUTHORITIES TO COMPLY WITH CERTAIN  
MUNICIPAL BUDGET STANDARDS***

My thanks to the Honorable Co-Chairs, Senator Osten and Representative Miller; Vice Chairs Senator Cassano and Representative D'Agostino; Ranking Members Senator Linares and Representative Aman; and the entire Planning & Development Committee for the opportunity to discuss RAISED SB 418: AN ACT REQUIRING LAKE AUTHORITIES TO COMPLY WITH CERTAIN MUNICIPAL BUDGET STANDARDS

The Lake Authorities being affected by these proposed changes to decades-old best practice primarily unpaid, community volunteers, operating said authorities on very meager budgets.

Constituents have come to me with serious concerns, should we enact SB 418. First, despite the innocuous sounding compliance with municipal budget standards, this requirement will not be easily or inexpensively met by these local, unpaid volunteers within the constraints of current recourses. If fact, they may need to invest in accounting software or hire an outside accountant to comply, potentially costing these authorities thousands of dollars.

Second, I am told that, under SB 418, enforcement revenues for these lake authorities will be diverted away from the State of Connecticut. In a budget year like this one, do we, the Legislature, really want to do this?

Thank you for your time and should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Respectfully,

Representative Mitch Bolinsky