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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 5212 - AN ACT CONCERNING THE LICENSING OF FOOD VENDORS

Good Morning Co-Chairs Senator Gerratana, Representative Ritter; Vice Chairs Senator Crisco, Representative Riley; Ranking Members Senator Markley, Representative Srinivasan; and esteemed members of the Committee.

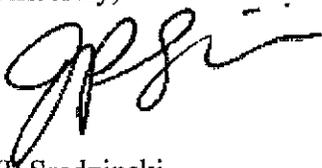
Thank you for allowing me to submit testimony on House Bill 5212 - An Act Concerning the Licensing of Food Vendors.

It is well understood that times are constantly evolving and that along with it, industry evolves as well. One of the ways in which the food industry has evolved in recent years is the proliferation and the popularity of the portable food booth – or as they are commonly referred to - food trucks.

One of the major bureaucratic barriers facing the food truck industry is the parochial system in which health inspections occur. Through no fault of their own, food truck vendors are subjected to inspections and fees in each district they aim to serve customers in. Serving breakfast in Trumbull, lunch in Bridgeport and dinner in Fairfield would require three different inspections and three different fees.

HB 5212 is a simple, straightforward bill that encourages cooperation between local health officials and food vendors to come up with a solution that works well for all parties involved. With the proper cooperation, we can adequately serve our public health, our economy and our consumers looking for quality food from a truck.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JP Sredzinski', written in a cursive style.

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