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# Testimony

**In Support of Raised Senate Bill 119 An Act Establishing A Task Force To Study Hording.**

**Public Safety and Security Committee**
**March 1, 2016**

Dear Chairman Larson, Chairman Dargan, Senator Guglielmo, Representative Zupkus and members of the Public Safety and Security Committee:

I am writing in support **of Raised Senate Bill 119 An Act Establishing A Task Force to Study Hording**. As you know hording is an extreme psychological disorder where a person compulsively collects items and goods. This can get to the point where the collecting becomes a safety hazard to the individual, those around them, as well as the greater community. It also affects first responders by limiting their mobility should an emergency take place in the hoarder's home.

Until the *A&E* TV Show "Hoarders," this is something that was not only not well known, but not discussed. I believe that we owe to those affected by this disease as well as the constituents in our community to look at this issue and begin to rectify this dangerous situation.

Thank you for your attention to this issue.

Sincerely,

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