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Chairman Rojas, Chairman Fonfara, Chairman Frantz, and distinguished members of the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee:

My name is Edward Grady and I reside at 60 Woodruff Circle in Berlin, Connecticut. I write this testimony in support of HB 5587 - *AN ACT CONCERNING A TAX EXEMPTION FOR SENIORS' SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS*. I am a retired 65 year old public school educator, having spent my entire thirty-five year career as a guidance counselor/coach in Meriden. Because I have a public school pension, I receive only twenty percent of the social security benefit I otherwise would receive and, even pre-tax, the twenty percent does not entirely pay for my Medicare parts A and B (I have to send the government an additional quarterly check to cover that expense). To add insult to injury, besides losing eighty percent of the social security benefits that I have accrued because I have a public school pension, I am also being taxed by the State of Connecticut on the twenty percent of the benefit that I do receive. Seems kind of harsh and not much of a reward for someone who has spent his entire career in public service.

As such, as a life-long Connecticut resident and senior living on a fixed income, I implore you to vote FOR HB 5587.

Sincerely,

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