



Testimony on Raised Senate Bill 179

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I would first like to thank the committee for taking this testimony. My name is Joe Horvath. I am the Director of Legislative Outreach for the Yankee Institute for Public Policy, a Connecticut-based free market think tank. I am submitting comment in support of Raised Senate Bill 179.

Evidence-based policymaking is paramount for ensuring that taxpayer money is used properly. Measuring the efficacy of government programs will ensure higher levels of efficiency and make sure that programs both fulfill their mission properly and continue to exist for the benefit of their original purpose. Programs that suffer from waste, fraud, and abuse cannot properly serve the community and will inevitably lead to unnecessarily high spending.

Just as this legislature passed legislation last session to make sure that the efficacy of tax incentives are properly measured, the legislature should do the same for its various programs. Spending is the driver of taxation, and wasteful spending prevents services from reaching the truly needy.

Basic safeguards, such as those that would be created by this bill, are common-sense, non-controversial reforms that embody good government. Simply put, there is no reason this bill should not become law.