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Testimony

Commerce Committee Public Hearing

March 9, 2021

*In Support of Senate Bill 430 - An Act Concerning Regional Tourism District Boards of Directors*

Chairs Hartley and Simmons and Ranking Members Martin and Buckbee and distinguished members of the Commerce Committee, I am Sen. Paul Formica, and I wish to testify today in support of *Senate Bill 430 An Act Concerning Regional Tourism District Boards of Directors*.

Simply put, this bill's intention is to open more direct communication of the arts, culture and tourism industry and to ease the communication burden for the tourism district and some of the small towns that are members.

Many small communities are volunteer challenged and being able to have one person represent a few towns would allow for better access to information and for the districts to then have an easier time to get meeting quorums.

The arts, culture and tourism industry is a statewide job producer and revenue driver for our great state. Thank you for considering this very important opportunity to help our districts.

Thank you and I urge your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "P. Formica", written in a cursive style.

Paul M. Formica

State Senator, 20<sup>th</sup> District