

To: Planning and Development Committee

Re: Raised Bill 6418

I am writing in support of Raised Bill 6418. I am a member of the Board of Selectmen in a community of 10,000 residents. In my working career I also served as a municipal building inspector, and dealt with blight issues in the two communities where I worked on many occasions.

Blight is an issue in almost every town in our state, whether large or small. Towns need all the tools available to deal with these problems. The current law which only allows towns with a population of over 35,000 to use these blight remediation methods makes no sense at all. Removing the minimum population size would allow all towns to have the opportunity to use another method to address blight. Blight is not just a city issue, and all towns should have the tools necessary to address it as they see fit.

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