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Subject: In support of Planning & Development Bill: Bill No. 6646 all 6 sections of this bill.

Hi my name is Edward Filteau and live in Vernon, CT, the reason I'm submitting this testimony is to support the 2021 proposed bill 6646 to include all sections of this bill. As a home owner with an active claim pending remediation in 2021 to restore the foundation, I understand the importance of each section of this bill being proposed to the Planning & Development committee.

Section 1: The time it takes to have your foundation replaced could take several years, in my case we filed in 2019 and the project will start in April 2021. The reassessment helps the home owner financially, reflects the market value of your property and should remain until the foundation is restored. In support of this section

Section 2, 5 and 6: Many home owners are still in line to have their homes repaired there should not be a termination date on captive insurance company until all homes in our communities are corrected. All financial assistance available such as the Connecticut Housing Finance Authority should be authorized by this committee. A report should be made to the public to understand the impact that pyrrhotite and the damage it has caused to all foundations to include nonresidential.

Section 3, and 4: Require quarries that produce aggregate for use in concrete to prepare a GSR-Geological Source Report. After living through the crumbling foundation, the cost to my family, the cost to our towns, and the cost to the state of Connecticut implementing codes and regulations will be part of the solution for the future, therefore I'm in support of this bill. The Commissioner of Consumer Protection should take a lead in developing standards to ensure that the concrete being used for residential homes is free of pyrrhotite or any other contaminate that can cause failure.

Thank you for your time and I urge you to support the proposed bill 6646.