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To the distinguished chairs Rep. McCarthy Vahey and Sen. Cassano, ranking members Sen. Hwang and Rep. Zullo and the members of the Planning and Development Committee,

I thank you all for raising HB 6646 AN ACT CONCERNING CRUMBLING CONCRETE FOUNDATIONS.

I represent two of the 42 towns impacted by crumbling concrete foundations. Crumbling foundations are a result of concrete deterioration because of contamination of pyrrhotite in the concrete. Damage may present in a variety of ways and progress at different rates depending on water and sulfur exposure but the damage is irreversible. Many members of my community have been heartbroken to find that their greatest source of equity, hopes for retirements, and savings for their children's college have all been dashed by a slow to present nevertheless high impact disaster impacting their homes and life's equity. The only solution is a full replacement of the foundation which is an incredibly costly process not covered by homeowners insurance.

I voice my strong support for HB 6646 both as the House Democratic Chair of the Crumbling Foundations Caucus and as the representative of two highly impacted towns Ellington and East Windsor. This bill offers important solutions needed in my community. My communities are well served by the following provisions of the bill: to eliminate the sunset date for the captive insurance agency that helps home owners rebuild their homes, making recommendations for a quarry study working group, extension of the reassessment period of when the foundation is repaired or replaced, authorization of up to \$175,000 for the captive insurance to perform an analysis of crumbling concrete in commercial properties and; perhaps most importantly for the families I represent in the queue, to fund the captive.

I thank the Planning and Development committee for their time and consideration and am available to you if I can be helpful in this process.

Respectfully,



Jaime Foster