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## Appropriations Committee

### Public Testimony

**March 8, 2021**

### Testimony in Support of House Bill 6555

Co-Chairs Osten and Walker, Ranking Members Miner and France, and Distinguished Members of the Joint Committee on Appropriations, thank you for allowing me the opportunity to offer testimony in support of **House Bill 6555: AN ACT CONCERNING LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT AND APPROVAL OF COVID-19 RELIEF FUNDS.**

The passing of HB 6555 is crucial for proper oversight of all COVID-19 funds that our state receives from the Federal Government. This bill will require the Governor to submit recommended allocations of COVID-19 funds to the Speaker of the House of Representatives and the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, who will then submit the recommended allocations to the Appropriations Committee. The committee will then report their findings and present any needed modifications to ensure that the disbursement of all such funds are done in accordance with the allocations approved by the General Assembly.

Legislative oversight is of paramount importance to uphold our Democracy and it is expected of us by our constituencies. This proposal will help us to ensure that we are doing the job we have been elected to do.

I urge the committee to vote favorably on HB 6555 for the good of our state as we work together to strategically mitigate the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic for the betterment of our state.