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**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL 6555:
AN ACT CONCERNING LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT AND APPROVAL OF COVID-19 RELIEF FUNDS.**

Co-Chairman Senator Osten and Representative Walker; Ranking Members Senator Miner and Representative France; and distinguished members of the Appropriations Committee, I would like to thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony in support of House Bill 6555: *An Act Concerning Legislative Oversight and Approval of COVID-19 Relief Funds*.

I want to express my support for this bill. The Legislative Branch of the government serves to represent its constituents and acts as a check and balance for the Executive Branch. Whereas the Legislative Branch proposes, drafts, and enacts legislation, the Executive Branch implements that legislation. This bill will allow the Legislative Branch to fulfill its role to act as a check and balance for the Governor's proposed allocations of federal funding. Legislators would be able to make changes to more accurately reflect the needs of the constituents they represent. The Legislative Branch appropriates money and approves how it will be spent. The Executive Branch appropriately oversees and carries out that spending. This bill assures each Branch of our Government is accurately performing its responsibilities as outlined in the Constitution.

Please act favorably on HB-6555.