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Testimony  
In Support of

### **LD 1586 An Act to Amend the Regional School Unit Budget Validation Referendum Law**

Good Afternoon Senator Rafferty, Rep. Murphy and Members of the Joint Standing Committee on Education and Cultural Affairs. I am State Representative Tammy Schmiersal-Burgess. I represent District 77 which includes the towns of Canton, Dixfield, Hartford, Livermore (part), Mexico, Hartford, and Peru.

I co-sponsored this bill **LD 1586 An Act to Amend the Regional School Unit Budget Validation Referendum Law**, because I believe in transparency. We are now entering the season of school budget meetings and referendum votes by each town within each school system. There has never been a requirement for the actual dollar amount of each school budget to be shown on the referendum.

Since the majority of each town's budget is the educational piece, I think it is only fair that the dollar amount be written on the ballot.

Thank you very much.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Tammy Schmiersal-Burgess'.

Tammy Schmiersal-Burgess  
State Representative