

March 15, 2020

The Honorable Senator Joseph Baldacci, Representative Ann Matlack, and Members of the State and Local Government Committee,

I am a resident of Farmington, and I am writing to urge you to support LD 621: An Act to Increase the Number of Franklin County Commissioners.

Currently there are areas of Franklin County, especially the more rural areas, without representation. We also have a history in this county of the commissioners refusing to accept the budget created by the budget committee or refusing to disburse funds to organizations to which the county *had* promised funding. Admittedly, this points to more problems with our county commissioners than simply their numbers, but having more people in that role would at least make it harder for such things to happen because they could not occur with just two people's vote.

A similar proposal last year should have raised the number of our commissioners, but our commissioners decided to exploit a glitch in wording to refuse to put the matter to a vote. This bill would finally bring about the necessary change.

I would be in favor of more than five commissioners, actually, but five would be better than three.

Please urge the legislature to pass LD 621.

Sincerely,

Anne Marie Wolf

Farmington