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Dear Representative Casey,

I have reviewed the pending legislative changes proposed by the ^{above} bill scheduled for hearing before your committee today. I have practiced in the areas of real estate and land use for over 30 years and have handled many residential and commercial tax appeals while an attorney at Adler Pollock & Sheehan P.C on behalf of taxpayers and municipalities. Many years ago when Richard Licht was my law partner, he and I worked on revisions to the municipal property assessment and appellate process and many of those changes are incorporated into the pending legislation. I fully support this legislation to simplify the process, make it more user friendly for those who wish to seek a review of their assessments without having to retain counsel, and a clear path for both municipal solicitors and taxpayers' attorneys to present the issues in a simpler and more efficient manner. When we worked on the legislation, we met with municipal and state administration officials to discuss proposed revisions and while each side had its own wish list, we discussed those items and were able to come to a consensus that worked for all, even if the proposed legislation did not include every change – that is the essence of the legislative process, including the revisions now proposed by H6043.

Having represented both municipalities and tax payers over the years, I believe this legislation is fair to all parties and urge that this bill be passed. I would have come in person this afternoon, but I have work obligations that prevent my appearance. I am available, however, for any future hearings or any questions the Committee may have.

Best,