

Dear Chair and Members of the House Municipal Government & Housing Committee,

I am writing to express my strong support for **H 8546**. This bill is important to me because it improves transparency and fairness in the Scituate annual financial town meeting process.

I respectfully urge the committee to recommend passage of this bill.

Last year, our FTM was taken over when a motion was introduced to add funds to the budget **far beyond** what had been presented in the town's official financial plan. Supporters arrived prepared with a strategy crafted by an attorney to push the increase through. Unfortunately, many residents who would have opposed the change did not realize a vote would take place and were not present to speak against it. Passage of this bill would protect all members of our town. What happened last year was dangerous and could happen in other city's and towns.

Thank you for your consideration.

I will include this email in PDF format if that is preferred.

Sincerely,

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