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Senator Martin Looney
President Pro Tempore
Legislative Office Building, Room 3300
Hartford, Connecticut 06106

Senator Bob Duff
Senate Majority Leader
Legislative Office Building, Room 3900
Hartford, CT 06106-1591

Dear Senator Looney and Senator Duff:

In light of Attorney General Tong declining to provide us with a formal opinion on the constitutionality of House Bill 6004, I am writing to request that the Senate delay a vote on this bill until we have a full analysis from the Attorney General.

Attorney General Tong states in his response to my request that he cannot provide a legal opinion on such complex constitutional matters in such a short period of time. Lawmakers are being asked to vote on the same issue in the same period of time and make a legislative proposal state law. If there is not enough time for a formal opinion, how can there be enough time for the Senate to accurately analyze and vote on this bill without the needed legal guidance?

This issue is too important to risk passing something that is unconstitutional. Without a full legal opinion it would be irresponsible to move forward at this time. I ask that a vote be delayed until a full legal opinion is provided by the Attorney General.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Len Fasano', written over a horizontal line.

Len Fasano
Senate Republican Leader