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Chairman LeMahieu and committee members, thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in support of Senate Bill 310, which Representative Brooks and I have introduced to address an inconsistency in municipal noticing requirements. This is a simple bill that would change the publication deadline for any municipal budget amendments from 10 days from the time of its passage to 15 days. The notice for publishing other official municipal action is 15 days, so this will standardize publication requirements. This bill will also help smaller municipalities who may only be served by weekly newspapers. Currently, clerks in such communities might only have a small window to meet the publication deadlines. Failure to meet these deadlines will result in any changes not taking effect, which, as you know, would be detrimental to our communities. By simply allowing five more days we can be sure that municipalities have adequate time to report any changes while also giving the public appropriate notice.

SB 310, and its Assembly counterpart, AB 439, have bi-partisan support in their co-sponsorship, and I hope you will give them your support as well. AB 439 passed the Assembly Committee on State Affairs and Government Operations unanimously earlier this month. The League of Municipalities has also officially registered in support of this proposal. I am happy to be joined today by Representative Ed Brooks, who co-authored this proposal with me.