TOWN OF DURHAM

OFFICE OF THE FIRST SELECTMAN
LAURA L. FRANCIS

Testimony
R.B. 535

"An Act Concerning Property Tax Relief for Owners of Residential Real Property Abutting Real Property on Which above Ground Electric Transmission Lines Are Located"

I oppose this bill.

The Town of Durham spent close to $60,000.00 in legal fees in an effort to protect our residents as much as we could. In addition, the Town of Durham has reduced the assessments on the houses directly affected by the transmission lines because we have recognized that property values have been reduced.

We have done our job. If you want to provide further relief for these property owners, which I would support, please find an alternate funding source. Municipalities like Durham are already challenged to keep property taxes stable by increasing education, energy, health and personnel costs.

Thank you for your consideration.

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