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Senator Maynard and Representative Graziani
Select Committee on Veterans' Affairs
Room 509A, Capitol
Hartford, Connecticut 06106

SUBJECT: Senate Bill 96 and House Bill 5039

Dear Senator Maynard, Representative Graziani and Committee Members:

The Town of Wallingford is asking the Legislature to amend Section 12-128 of the Connecticut General Statutes in order to address a situation that creates an unfairness to a taxpayer. A local veteran discovered that he applied for a veteran's exemption and it was neither recorded nor applied to his taxes for many years. This veteran, however, was unable to receive a refund because of the six (6) year limitation in the statute. Increasing the number of years or eliminating the statutory limitation within which paid taxes may be recovered are options supported by the Town. We believe that the taxpayer must properly apply for the exemption, but should not be prevented from receiving it due to a mistake by a government office. Proposed Senate Bill 96 and House Bill 5039 are measures that address this concern and we ask for your support.

Sincerely,


William W. Dickinson, Jr.
Mayor

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