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Senator Edith Prague
Representative Kevin Ryan
Members of the Labor and Public Employees Committee
Legislative Office Building, Room 3800
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Senator Prague, Representative Ryan and Members of the Labor and Public Employees Committee:

I would like to address HB 5059, An Act Concerning the Appointment of Municipal Assessors, which you will be holding a hearing on this Thursday. As I read this proposed bill, this could change the way in which municipalities decide how to hire their assessor. This should be a decision of each Town and not dictated by the State. If you open the door to Town Assessors, each organization representing Town employees will also want the exact same provision, and each community will lose the ability to decide how they want their employees hired, and when they feel it is time for an Assessor to leave employment.

All Town employees are protected under our current employment laws and for some, union contracts. There is no need to make this position or any other municipal position a part of State Statutes. I respectfully ask that you do not move forward with this bill.

Sincerely,


Mary A. Glassman