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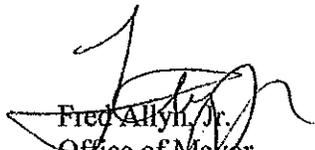
TO: Members of the Planning and Development Committee

I write you urging support for HB5784 introduced by Representatives Reynolds, Ritter, Ryan, and Olson and Senators Prague, and Stillman. The Bill would provide relief to Ledyard for the very significant financial damage done by land removed from our tax rolls.

Land taken into Trust for the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation, which has been removed from the Town of Ledyard Grand List and not provided PILOT funding, totals \$126,033,000. That's over 126 million dollars in land valuation that has been removed from the Ledyard Grand List since Land to Trust began and prior to assistance to Ledyard via PILOT. Converting that Valuation of Grand List to Revenue lost last year alone totaled \$2,262,936. From a slightly different perspective, the valuation removed from our Grand List represents 11.20% of our total Grand List.

The towns of Ledyard, Preston and North Stonington expended huge numbers of dollars over several years to prevent still more land being removed.

The Bill being considered HB5784, would restore Ledyard's financial position in a fair and equitable manner. It is unfair and inequitable for only the towns abutting the Tribal Nations of both Mashantucket and Mohegan to suffer these lost revenues! Please report out favorable this Bill.


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