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RE: SB-1115, AN ACT CONCERNING A MUNICIPAL OPTION OF A PROPERTY TAX FOR COMMERCIAL PROPERTIES BASED ON BUSINESS PROFITS

The Connecticut Council of Small Towns (COST), which represents approximately 115 small towns throughout Connecticut, supports the intent of SB-1115 which seeks to provide towns and cities with the flexibility to assess commercial properties in a way that will support business development.

However, given the potential impact on local revenues, we would urge lawmakers to carefully weigh the benefits and costs of such a proposal and other proposals before the committee that would impact local property taxes.

COST is an advocacy organization committed to giving small towns a strong voice in the legislative process. Its members are Connecticut towns with populations of less than 30,000. COST champions the major policy needs and concerns of Connecticut's suburban and rural towns.

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