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Senator Gary LeBeau
Capitol Office
State Capitol
Room 110
Hartford, CT 06106-1591

Re: Proposed Bill No. 692 -
An Act Concerning Competitive Bidding for Municipalities
Section 7-148v of General Statutes

Dear Senator LeBeau:

I am writing in support of the Proposed Bill No. 692-An Act Concerning Competitive Bidding for Municipalities.

The main reason for this increase is due to the rise of the Consumer Price Index since 1989. (See attached chart) The purchasing power of \$7,500 at that time now equates to approximately \$15,000 today. In today's environment, we are constantly going out to bid for items that are not available under federal/state/regional bids. We are spending inordinate amount of time and money in preparing bid specifications, legal fees, publishing of legal notices and bid openings to be in compliance with State Statute 7-148v.

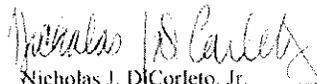
To reduce time and cost, I have encouraged our department heads to use Federal, State, Capitol Region Council of Government, and Capitol Region Education Council bids in purchasing equipment, materials, and services. For those instances when no bids are available, then we have to go out to bid. There are numerous examples that one can use. One such example was the Request for Proposal for Other Post Employment Benefit Study. The four quotes received were in the range of \$7,500 to \$10,900. Thus if the \$15,000 threshold was in effect, we would not have had to go out to bid.

As one can see by the above actual example, by increasing the threshold amount to \$15,000 from \$7,500, that would allow town's flexibility, efficiency, and expediency in carrying out our mission to serve the public.

Yes we support Proposed Bill Number 692.

Thank you for your efforts in addressing this most important matter to municipalities. We appreciate your efforts.

Sincerely yours,


Nicholas J. DiCorleto, Jr.
Finance Officer/Treasurer

cc: Maurice W. Blanchette, First Selectman

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Base Year for State Statue 7-148v is 1989 at \$7,500

Year	Annual Consumer Price Index Change %	Inflation Increase for Year	New Total
1989	4.80%		\$ 7,500
1990	5.40%	405	\$ 7,905
1991	4.20%	332	\$ 8,237
1992	3.00%	247	\$ 8,484
1993	3.00%	255	\$ 8,739
1994	2.60%	227	\$ 8,966
1995	2.80%	251	\$ 9,217
1996	3.00%	277	\$ 9,494
1997	2.30%	218	\$ 9,712
1998	1.60%	155	\$ 9,867
1999	2.20%	217	\$ 10,084
2000	3.40%	343	\$ 10,427
2001	2.80%	292	\$ 10,719
2001	1.60%	172	\$ 10,891
2003	2.30%	250	\$ 11,141
2004	2.70%	301	\$ 11,442
2005	3.40%	389	\$ 11,831
2006	3.20%	379	\$ 12,210
2007	2.80%	342	\$ 12,552
2008	3.90%	490	\$ 13,042
2009	-0.40%	-52	\$ 12,990
2010	1.70%	221	\$ 13,211
2011	3.10%	410	\$ 13,621
2012	2.10%	286	\$ 13,907