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Good Morning;

As the owner of a modest 18 hole golf course in East Lyme, CT. I ask you to support this bill.

Golf courses are nothing more than "improved pastureland". And when not maintained revert to meadow and forest in a few years.

The various appraisal companies hired by municipalities all use different standards when valuating courses and cause a wide range of assessment disparities. Some municipalities apply "golf course revenue" as part of the property value equation which makes no sense relating to the term "property tax".

Approval of this bill "levels the field" and allows Ct. courses to be competitive between each other, with non-taxed municipal courses, and out of state courses who do use the "490" classification.

Please approve this bill.

Thank you
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