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Reference: SB 970 AN ACT CONCERNING THE TAXATION OF GOLF COURSES

Members of the Planning and Development Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Senate Bill 970 "An Act Concerning the Taxation of Golf Courses".

SB 970 was introduced by the P & D committee requiring municipalities to remove all golf course land off their tax rolls including private golf courses and exclusive country clubs. Golf course land would be treated like PA 490 land that has been preserved and not improved. Golf courses are not similar to PA 490 land as they have massive improvements in their greens, fairways, bunkers, irrigation and sprinkler systems. Furthermore, they are for profit businesses.

If this bill were to pass the impact on the town of East Haddam would be a tax dollar loss of a total of \$89,067 between the two golf courses in town.

The town of East Haddam requests that you oppose this bill. Please don't hesitate to contact me at 860-873-5021 if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Mark B. Walter  
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