February 17, 2016

Re: Support HB 5182

Members of the Planning & Development Committee:

The Town of Ellington thanks your committee for taking the time to raise HB 5182 An Act Exempting Leased Municipal Property.

Our town whole heartedly supports this legislation that will save municipalities money in assessing, billing, collecting, processing, and reimbursing a lessor for the same exact amount they already paid us.

HB 5182 is unlike any other exemption bill before the legislature because there truly is absolutely no revenue loss. A leasing company pays the town for the taxes on property/equipment being used by the town and then the town reimburses the leasing company. Obviously this makes no sense whatsoever and HB 5182 will enable municipalities to utilize their resources in a more productive fashion.

Respectfully,

Lori Spielman
First Selectman
Ellington, CT