



STATE OF CONNECTICUT COUNTY OF TOLLAND

# TOWN OF ELLINGTON

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Re: Oppose GB 5047

Senator Fonfara:

Representative Burger:

Members of the Finance, Revenue & Bonding Committee:

The Town of Ellington opposes GB 5047 An Act Concerning Exemptions under the Personal Property Tax

Section 1 allows for the exemption of business personal property declared at and below \$10,000 of assessment. The reasoning behind this bill is flawed as it assumes that the Assessor's Office does not have to process 46% of the personal property accounts currently on the tax rolls. Unfortunately, the Assessor's Office will have to process these accounts to determine whether they meet the exemption amount or not.

Additionally, the extra steps required to determine if the personal property reporting is accurate or whether the declarant qualifies for the exemption results in an unfunded mandate placed on each and every municipality in the State of Connecticut.

Lastly, the bill is flawed as it treats taxpayers differently depending on your level of assessment. Those taxpayers filing a declaration with an assessment of \$10,050 will pay the full amount of taxes due while those declaring \$9,950 will receive a full exemption.

Respectfully,

Lori L. Spielman  
First Selectman