

TOWN OF WINDHAM

**NEAL J. BEETS
TOWN MANAGER**



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February 18, 2016

Re: Support HB 5182

Members of the Planning & Development Committee:

I am writing to you in support of HB 5182 An Act Exempting Leased Municipal Property.

C.G.S. Sec. 12-81(4) was drafted decades ago and well before Connecticut Municipalities leased real and personal property. HB 5182 keeps the continuity of real and personal property being utilized by a Connecticut city/town for public purposes being exempt by including that property a town chooses to lease rather than purchase and sell off at a later date.

In Windham, we lease a fleet of electric motor vehicles. Each year our Assessor must value them and add to the Grand List, our Tax Collector must create & issue bills, collect & post the payments, after having paid the bills to the town, the leasing company bills our finance department and the town of Windham cuts a check to the leasing company in the exact amount that they paid us a few months earlier.

Let's not forget that all this needs to be planned and budgeted for and the town is expending significant resources on taking money from our left pocket that ends up in our right. The town actually loses money on this current system because we pay for envelopes, bills, postage, not to mention all the employee man hours in the processing and administration.

The Town of Windham respectfully requests that the members of Planning & Development support HB 5182 and vote it out of Committee.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Neal Beets".

Neal Beets
Town Manager
Town of Windham