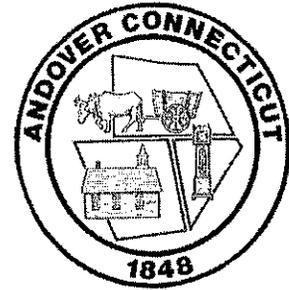


Town of Andover

Office of the Assessor
17 School Road, Andover, CT 06232
Office of the First Selectmen



February 22, 2016

Re: HB 5182

Dear Members of the Planning & Development Committee:

I would like to express our support of HB 5182 An Act Exempting Leased Municipal Property. Current statute states that if the Town owns property and it is used for public purpose, then it is exempt. However, if a town leases property that it used for public purposes, it is taxable.

C.G.S. Sec. 12-81(4) exempts property owned by the town and was likely drafted and enacted at a time when municipalities did not have leasing as an option.

In today's day and age, it can be much easier for a town to lease equipment rather than purchase it and then need to sell it when it becomes older and is in need of replacement. However, if a town leases property, it must be assessed, taxed, and then the leasing company requires reimbursement of all taxes paid so that town funds are traveling in a circle and creating wasted efforts by

HB 5182 costs nothing because there is no revenue loss and it cut red tape, save the town money on postage, and free up employee resources.

Respectfully,

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