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Re: Raised SB 91: An Act Concerning the Interest Rate on Delinquent Property Taxes

This testimony is being submitted in opposition of raised SB 91, An Act Concerning the Interest Rate on Delinquent Property Taxes.

The municipal property tax structure is governed by the Connecticut General Statutes, which means each municipality must collect taxes in accordance with these statutes. Therefore, taxes are collected in the same manner by all municipalities across the state. Uniformity and consistency is what makes this system strong and validates the actions taken by each tax collector. No municipality may offer a better circumstance than any other. By allowing a municipality to lower the interest rate charged on delinquent taxes, municipalities would be at odds with each other and this would eliminate the integrity that exists through our uniform collection statutes.

Tax Collectors are opposed to any bill that allows municipalities the option to change the application of any property tax statute, as it will undermine the uniformity and integrity of the property tax system.

Therefore, on behalf of the Connecticut Tax Collectors' Association, Inc., and as tax collector for the City of Danbury, I respectfully oppose Raised SB 91 and ask that this be removed from consideration by your committee.