

TOWN OF MONTVILLE

Office of the Mayor

310 Norwich-New London Turnpike
Uncasville, Connecticut 06382



February 25, 2016

Dear Senator Maynard, Representative Guerrara and Esteemed Members of the Transportation Committee:

I write today in opposition to the provision in HB 5055 which eliminates the ban on registering motor vehicles and vessels if an individual is delinquent on their property taxes and/or parking tickets.

While I recognize that many of our constituents have encountered significant delays in the processing of their registrations and applaud the State's efforts to rectify the problems, eliminating a significant source of municipal revenue is not a responsible method of addressing the issue.

Montville currently has approximately 20,600 motor vehicle accounts. Of that number, approximately 2,240 have DMV Holds right now. This accounts for 10.8% in delinquencies. Using a very conservative estimate of a 5% revenue loss, Montville stands to lose approximately \$190,000 in property tax revenue. At 8%, that grows to about \$300,000.

This action, coupled with a proposed personal property tax exemption for businesses with less than \$10,000 of assessed value (HB 5047), would be devastating to our municipal revenue stream. Please bear in mind that this comes as but a part of a continued litany of unfunded mandates and a municipal spending cap.

Municipalities are in no position to continue raising local revenue and mill rates to sustain essential services.

I thank you for your consideration and if you have any questions regarding this action, please contact me at 860-848-3030 x701.

Sincerely,

Ronald K. McDaniel
Mayor of Montville