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From: Linda Camelio <lcamelio@stonington-ct.gov>
Sent: Thursday, February 25, 2016 12:24 PM
To: David Kluczwski; Donlin, William L.
Subject: FW: HB 5055

Hi William and Dave: Here is the letter I wrote to Diana Urban, the Rep for Stonington and North Stonington. Feel free to use it any way you like.

Best,
Linda

From: Linda Camelio
Sent: Thursday, February 25, 2016 11:35 AM
To: 'Rep. Urban, Diana'
Subject: HB 5055

Dear Diana: I am writing to express my opposition to HB 5055, the bill where the ability to register a car will no longer be tied to delinquent taxes. When I heard about this piece of legislation, I was very disheartened because it would be another source of lost revenue for the small Towns of Stonington and North Stonington. I know for Stonington it would mean a potential loss of approximately $170K. What incentive would people have to pay their car taxes? You can't imagine the numbers of people who only come in to pay their Motor Vehicle taxes every two years when it's time to register their vehicles. While most of us pay our bills in a timely fashion, there are many who don't pay their MV taxes until they are forced to in order to register their cars. I ask for your every consideration in voting NO on this bill. I don't believe that towns can afford to lose any sources of revenue, and really, tying MV registrations to delinquent taxes is the only leverage we have in getting people to pay their MV taxes. Again, it is my hope that you will oppose this bill.

Best regards,
Linda

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