



# TOWN OF WOLCOTT

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State Commission on Fiscal Stability and Economic Growth

Re: Public Hearing: March 23, 2018, 1:00pm. House Chambers of the State Capital

The Town of Wolcott is in support of the following opportunities:

- Allowing towns, COGs or a consortia of COGs, the option to raise local revenue for capital projects by authorizing them to impose supplemental, time limited, sales or property taxes by special referenda.
- Allowing towns, or through their local COG, to charge fees for Services in Lieu of Taxes (SILOTS). These would be imposed on non-profit colleges and hospitals, while allowing these institutions to maintain their property tax exempt status.
- Requiring the State pay a higher PILOT payment to municipalities, especially central cities, on the properties it owns.
- Enabling COGs to levy an additional sales tax of up to 0.5 percent for regional economic development and shared service arrangements.
- Permitting towns to increase fees for use of the public rights of way, storm water fees, hotels, car rentals, restaurants and other services.
- Providing that non-union labor be permitted on rehabilitation projects costing under \$1 million.
- Providing towns with a single neutral arbitrator for municipal labor negotiations.
- Protecting a town's fund balance of 15 percent or less from being used to pay for labor contract settlements.

Sincerely,

Thomas G. Dunn  
Mayor, Town of Wolcott