

# Connecticut Tax Collectors Association

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## Testimony AGAINST SB 1135 An Act concerning the Interest on Delinquent Property Taxes

As Tax Collector of Middlebury, I am opposed to SB 1135, an act concerning the Interest Rate on Delinquent property Taxes.

The municipal property tax structure is governed by the Connecticut General State Statutes, which means each municipality must collect taxes in accordance with these Statutes. We all must collect in the same manner. Uniformity and consistency is what makes this system strong and validates the actions taken by each Tax Collector.

No municipality should be allowed to charge the interest rate to what they want. The 18% interest rate is designed to encourage tax payments to be made on time. We should not provide a benefit to the delinquents taxpayer at the expense of residents and businesses who pay their bills on time

A uniform State Statute adds integrity and fairness to every taxpayer in the State. It allows a difficult job to be done fairly with no favoritism to anyone and not become a political issue.

Thank you for your consideration.

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