



TOWN OF PRESTON
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May 1, 2019

Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee

REF: **SB 1135 – An Act Concerning the Municipal Interest Rate Applicable to Delinquent Property Taxes.**

To Whom It Concerns:

This letter is being submitted in opposition of SB-1135. The municipal property tax structure is governed by the Connecticut General Statutes; whereby each municipality must collect taxes in accordance with these statutes. It is my strong belief that every municipality's revenue should be collected in the most efficient and effective manner. That can only be done when we maintain uniformity across the board in how we collect. A uniform rate of 18% encourages tax payments to be made timely and further promotes equality and integrity. Competing interest rates would potentially put towns in compromised positions. Therefore, I urge you to oppose SB-1135.

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Congdon", written over a horizontal line.

Robert Congdon
First Selectman