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SB 1135
Oppose

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

I am writing in opposition of SB 1135 which would allow municipalities per local option to their own interest rate on delinquent taxes.

As Tax Collectors in the State of Connecticut we pride ourselves on uniformity and integrity. By following state statutes we collect taxes the most efficient and effective way. By allowing municipalities per local option to change their delinquent interest rates will harm our collection rates and the tax payers that do pay on time. I guarantee we will see more delinquencies if towns adopt a lower interest rate. In a time when towns are struggling with bare bone budgets reducing the amount of monies collected can be significant. The proposed legislation will also put towns and cities at odds with each other.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony opposing SB 1135.