

# 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 East Windsor, 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 to show no partiality towards any one person. Uniformity and consistency strengthen and validates the actions of the Tax Collector.

No municipality should be allowed to charge the interest rate to what they want. This would open avenues of discrimination and favoritism. The current State Statute keeps incorruptibility and exactness to a collection of monies that has proven itself.

The 18% interest rate is designed to encourage tax payments to be made on time. Delinquent taxpayers should not be rewarded for paying late at the expense of the businesses and the other residents that pay 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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