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

As Tax Collector in the state of Connecticut in the town of East Granby as with all Tax Collectors in this state I'm governed under Connecticut General Statutes Chapter 204 Local Levy and Collection of Taxes. With this structure each municipality must collect taxes in a uniform manner.

No municipality should be given the opportunity to charge interest based on what they want as some could increase it to 25% or more in line with credit card rates. The current structure of 18% (1.50% per month delinquent) is designed to encourage tax payments to be paid on time, taxpayers are given a thirty day grace period. For example taxes are due July 1, when paid or post marked by August 1 no interest is incurred. No benefit should be given to delinquent taxpayers at the expense of residents and businesses who pay on time! In my almost twelve years as a Tax Collector, some people have and will always pay late, but that is their choice.

The uniform State Statutes exhibit integrity and fairness to every taxpayer in the State of Connecticut.

Sincerely,

Dorian Owens
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