

Senator Fonfara, Representative Rojas and members of the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee, thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony today.

I am opposed to S.B 1137, An Act Concerning Deposits in Lieu of Taxes.

We are a all-girls overnight camp in Cornwall, CT. We cater to young girls that can't typically afford a high quality overnight camp experience. If we now must pay a property tax then our fees would have to go up and it would greatly diminish the ability for middleclass families to attend our camp.

Our YMCA was founded in 1919 and has partnered with our local town for many different reasons. From meeting places, community days, peer mentoring and all of that was in leu of paying taxes and still being able to give back. All of that would stop as we would then be as normal as a private business in town.

We are a charity and we give out 10% of our revenew to finiancial assistance as most YMCA's do. We would not be able to financially accomplish that if we paid for property tax.

Thank you for you time,

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