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Testimony - Raised Bill No. 941 An Act Concerning The Assignment of Certain Property, Tax, Water and Sewer Liens.

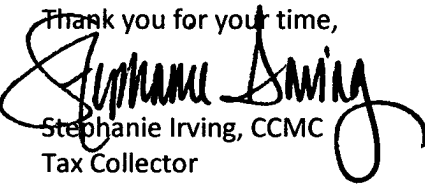
I am opposed to Raised Bill No. 941 which will reduce interest on any tax liens filed and assigned by a municipality.

As a Certified Connecticut Municipal Collector since 2002 I pride my profession on the integrity, efficiency and uniformity in standard application of statutory procedures.

My town does not assign liens however it would be a great injustice to towns and cities that practice this method of collection. Our job is to collect the budgeted amount of tax monies year to year. In order to make up for current budgeted amounts not collected we count on other tools and methods allotted to collect on the delinquent tax and interest for prior year accounts to keep our towns running.

Interest at 18% across the board is a tool to ultimately encourage the taxpayer to pay on time however by lowering the interest on assigned liens the amount of delinquent taxes will increase simply because the "penalty" is not a deterrent.

Thank you for your time,


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