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Hello Lou Mansolillo

My name is Stephen Bousquet. I am the chairman of board for the Western Coventry Fire District.

I'm writing to share some information regarding the Bill XXXXX.

I understand the reason this Bill is being introduced. However, I do question the impact that this new Bill will have on Fire Districts throughout the state. We are a rural District and run this Dept. efficiently and effectively. We need to be able to collect taxes to run. I understand some may think putting a lean on property is a way to ensure the District would be paid at some point, but that could be in 20 years or more.

Our district uses the tax sale notice as a reminder; most people who get them call right away and make their payments. Some who get a notice just forgot, some think the District may forget or don't think we could do anything and the notice works as a reminder.

The District sets up payment plans for hardship.

Our concern is that it will not take long for some taxpayers to just let this tax and future taxes go to a lean. I believe with the help of social media, word will spread that taxpayers can hold off paying until they sell your home.

It will not take much of an interruption in tax collection to impact a Fire District. Where do we go to make up the deficit? Is the state going to step in with aid to help out?

On behalf of our Fire District, please stop this Bill.

Thank you
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Chairman of the Board of the Western Coventry Fire District.

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