



February 1, 2024

The Honorable Stephen M. Casey
Chairman, House Municipal and Housing Committee
Rhode Island State House
Providence, RI 02903

RE: House Bill Number: H7110 Relating to Towns and Cities –Zoning Ordinances

Dear Chairman Casey and Honorable Committee Members,

I am writing to the Committee today regarding House Bill 7110, sponsored by Representative DeSimone.

On behalf of the League of Cities and Towns thank you for allowing me the opportunity to express our support for H7110. The option provided in subsection (b), allowing taxpayers to opt for digital or electronic notifications in lieu of traditional mail, reflects an understanding of the evolving technological landscape. In an era where digital communication is prevalent, providing individuals with the flexibility to receive notifications through various channels is not only practical but also aligns with the preferences of many taxpayers. Moreover, the explicit clarification in subsection (c) regarding the repeal of inconsistent provisions from charters and laws underscores the commitment to streamlining and modernizing the tax collection system. I believe that these proposed changes will not only enhance the efficiency of tax collection but also contribute to a more accessible and user-friendly process for taxpayers. The provision stating that the failure to send or receive a notice does not excuse nonpayment reinforces the importance of compliance while safeguarding the validity of tax collection proceedings.

RILCT endorses H7110 and encourages you to support its passage. The proposed legislation aligns with the principles of transparency, efficiency, and adaptability to modern technological trends, ensuring a fair and accessible tax collection process for all municipalities.

Sincerely,

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Representative June Speakman, Second Vice Chair
Representative Anthony J. DeSimone
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