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STATE OF CONNECTICUT
OFFICE OF POLICY AND MANAGEMENT

TESTIMONY PRESENTED TO THE
FINANCE, REVENUE AND BONDING COMMITTEE
March 13, 2007

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Testimony Supporting Raised Bill No. 7282
AN ACT CONCERNING PROPERTY TAX DELINQUENCIES OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS
COMPANIES.

Senator Daily, Representative Staples and distinguished members of the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee, thank you for the opportunity to offer testimony in support of Raised Bill No. 7282 - An Act Concerning Property Tax Delinquencies Of Telecommunications Companies.

The Office of Policy and Management determines the annual personal property tax liabilities of certain telecommunications services companies, pursuant to §12-80a. These companies issue tax payments directly to towns, boroughs and the unconsolidated City of Groton. Public Act 06-183 amended this statute to allow a town's tax collector to impose interest on a company's delinquent tax payment.

Because the official responsible for collecting a borough's tax revenue is a warden or clerk, rather than a town's tax collector, current law precludes boroughs from imposing interest with respect to late tax payments under §12-80a. Also, while the town of Groton's tax collector currently collects tax revenue for the city of Groton, a different revenue collection arrangement may occur in the future.

The intent of Raised Bill No. 7282 is to provide the same authority to a borough and to an unconsolidated city that each town currently has regarding the imposition of interest on tax delinquencies under §12-80a.

Unfortunately, the bill as drafted will not satisfy this intent. For purposes of clarification, I am requesting an amendment to add a comma and the words "city or borough" after the word "town" on Line 33. This will clarify the ability of all recipients of the tax under §12-80a, to impose interest if it is not paid on or before the date it is due.

I respectfully request that you issue a joint favorable substitute report regarding Raised Bill No. 7282, after reflecting the amendment that I have suggested.

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THE CHAIR:

Yes, Senator Looney.

SEN. LOONEY:

Yes, Mr. President, have one item to add to the Consent Calendar. Would ask for suspension for purposes of adding to the Consent Calendar, on Senate Agenda No. 4, Substitute House Bill 7282.

THE CHAIR:

Motion is on suspension. Hearing and seeing no objections, so ordered, Sir.

SEN. LOONEY:

Yes, Mr. President, would move to place that item on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

Hearing and seeing no objections, so ordered,
Sir.

SEN. LOONEY:

Thank you, Mr. President, and would call for a vote on the Consent Calendar.

THE CHAIR:

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Mr. Clerk, please call the roll for a Consent Calendar.

THE CLERK:

An immediate roll call has been ordered in the Senate on the third Consent Calendar. Will all Senators please return to the Chamber.

An immediate roll call has been ordered in the Senate on the third Consent Calendar. Will all Senators please return to the Chamber.

Mr. President, those items placed on the third Consent Calendar. There are two items, first is off of Senate Agenda No. 4, Substitute for House Bill 7282, and on Senate Agenda No. 10, Substitute for House Bill 7090.

Mr. President, that completes those items previously placed on the third Consent Calendar.

The Senate is now voting by roll call on the third Consent Calendar. Will all Senators please return to the Chamber.

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The Senate is now voting by roll call on the third Consent Calendar. Will all Senators please return to the Chamber.

THE CHAIR:

Have all Senators voted? If all Senators have voted, the machine will be locked. The Clerk will call the tally.

THE CLERK:

Motion is on adoption of Consent Calendar 3.
Total number voting, 35; necessary for adoption, 18. Those voting "yea", 35; those voting "nay", 0. Those absent and not voting, 1.

THE CHAIR:

Consent Calendar 3 passes.

SEN. LOONEY:

Mr. President.

THE CHAIR:

Senator Looney.

SEN. LOONEY:

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Those absent and not voting 2

DEPUTY SPEAKER FRITZ:

The Bill as amended in concurrence with the
Senate is passed. Will the Clerk please call Calendar
Number 469.

CLERK:

On Page 6, Calendar Number 469, Substitute for
House Bill Number 7282, AN ACT CONCERNING PROPERTY TAX
DELINQUENCIES OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMPANIES,
Favorable Report of the Committee on Finance, Revenue
and Bonding.

DEPUTY SPEAKER FRITZ:

Representative Perone.

REP. PERONE: (137th)

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move for acceptance
of the Joint Committee's Favorable Report and passage
of the Bill.

DEPUTY SPEAKER FRITZ:

The question is on acceptance and passage. Will
you proceed, Sir.

REP. PERONE: (137th)

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Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. While the State of Connecticut has many fine qualities, I feel that one of the things we need to do need to, one of the things I feel we need to do to remain competitive both in business and education is to look forward to see where we need to be taking our--

DEPUTY SPEAKER FRITZ:

I know it's the last day and you're all going to be sorry in missing each other. However, I do think we need to give courtesy to the people who are trying to get the bills passed.

So if you would take your conversations outside, I'd greatly appreciate it and so would the bill presenters because the noise is reaching a level that is unacceptable. Please continue, Representative Perone.

REP. PERONE: (137th)

Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. As I was saying, in the interest of helping small business and education throughout our state, the Clerk has an Amendment, LCO Number 9398. I would ask the Clerk to

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please call the Amendment, and I be granted leave of
the Chamber to summarize.

DEPUTY SPEAKER FRITZ:

Will the Clerk please call LCO Number 9398
designated House "A", and the gentleman has asked
leave to summarize.

CLERK:

LCO Number 9398, House "A", offered by
Representatives Staples, Miner at al.

DEPUTY SPEAKER FRITZ:

Representative Perone.

REP. PERONE: (137th)

Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. Thank you
very much, Madam Speaker. Essentially, this Bill is
really, it would create what's being called a
committee in the State of Connecticut to assist the
State of Connecticut in the creation of a broadband
entity that would assist the State of Connecticut in
creating Internet, wireless Internet access throughout
the State of Connecticut.

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Essentially, it would also work with municipalities in their efforts to create municipal broadband service in their communities as well. And I move adoption.

DEPUTY SPEAKER FRITZ:

The question is on adoption. Will you remark further on the Amendment before us? Will you remark further on the Amendment before us? Representative Ken Green.

REP. GREEN: (1st)

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, if the proponent of the Amendment could just explain Lines 86 to 89, tell me, through you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER FRITZ:

Representative Perone.

REP. PERONE: (137th)

Excuse me. Just one moment. Yes, Madam Speaker. This essentially would, this is just clarifying some of the previous language of Section 503 of Section 12-692 and it just clarifies the above language, so in terms of what the dates are that are being discussed.

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REP. GREEN: (1st)

Thank you, Madam Speaker.

DEPUTY SPEAKER FRITZ:

Thank you, Sir. Will you remark further on the Amendment before us? Will you remark further on the Amendment before us? Representative Belden.

REP. BELDEN: (113th)

Thank you, Madam Speaker. Madam Speaker, I rise in support of the Amendment. Essentially, what happens a lot of times in our process here is, little questions come up about various current statutes, and I believe for the most part this Amendment clarifies language. Thank you.

DEPUTY SPEAKER FRITZ:

Thank you, Sir. Will you remark further on the Amendment before us? If not, let me try your minds. All those in favor please signify by saying Aye.

REPRESENTATIVES:

Aye.

DEPUTY SPEAKER FRITZ:

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Those opposed, Nay. The Ayes have it. The
Amendment is adopted. Representative Perone.

REP. PERONE: (137th)

Thank you very much, Madam Speaker. I truly believe that this Bill will go a long way toward helping small businesses as well as the educational community here in the State of Connecticut in terms of the creation and application of offering broadband access to virtually all municipalities in the State of Connecticut, and I urge its adoption.

DEPUTY SPEAKER FRITZ:

Thank you, Sir. Will you remark further on the Bill as amended? Will you remark further on the Bill as amended? If not, will staff and guests please come to the Well of the House, and the machine will be opened.

CLERK:

The House of Representatives is voting by Roll
Call. Members to the Chamber. The House is voting by Roll Call. Members to the Chamber, please.

DEPUTY SPEAKER FRITZ:

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Okay. Have all the Members voted? Have all the Members voted? Please check the board to make sure your vote is accurately cast.

Please check the board to make sure your vote has been accurately cast. If so, the machine will be locked, and the Clerk will take the tally.
Representative Klarides, for what purpose do you rise, Ma'am?

REP. KLARIDES: (114th)

Madam Speaker, I am not rising at all.

DEPUTY SPEAKER FRITZ:

Oh, okay, thank you. The Clerk will announce the tally.

CLERK:

House Bill Number 7282, as amended by House

Amendment Schedule "A".

Total Number Voting	149
Necessary for Passage	75
Those voting Yea	149
Those voting Nay	0
Those absent and not voting	2

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DEPUTY SPEAKER FRITZ:

The Bill as amended is passed. Will the Clerk
please call Calendar Number 700.

CLERK:

On Page 16, Calendar Number 700, Substitute for
Senate Bill Number 1213, AN ACT CONCERNING THE
FINANCIAL SECURITY REQUIREMENT FOR PREFERRED PROVIDER
NETWORKS, Favorable Report of the Committee on
Insurance and Real Estate.

DEPUTY SPEAKER FRITZ:

Representative Brian O'Connor.

REP. O'CONNOR: (35th)

Thank you, Madam Speaker. I move acceptance of
the Joint Committee's Favorable Report in concurrence
with the Senate, and passage of the Bill.

DEPUTY SPEAKER FRITZ:

The question is on acceptance and passage. Will
you proceed, Sir.

REP. O'CONNOR: (35th)