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LD 646

The Town of South Thomaston, Selectboard strongly supports the amendment to LD 646, to allow the legislature to honor the commitment they made to the taxpayers, residents and municipalities when they enacted the Taxpayer Stabilization Act. Our town expected nearly \$70K (in this year's budget) from the State to cover the relief we provided to our eligible taxpayers. We have received less than \$40K and without this amendment and authorization, we will have a hole in our current budget of over \$30K. Even if you do eventually remit the balance of the funds, after June 30, 2024, our taxpayers will need to cover your error with our undesignated reserves, in this year's budget execution. This means those reserves will not be available for emergencies and cannot be counted on to mitigate next year's taxes. We urge you to do the right thing and correct this mistake and make the taxpayers and municipalities whole, in this FY.

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