



# THE TOWN OF LIMINGTON

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## Testimony of Selectwoman Tammy Ramsdell

### In favor of LD 646, now titled *An Act to Fully Reimburse Municipalities for Lost Revenue Under the Property Tax Stabilization for Senior Citizens Program*

Public Hearing : Tuesday, February 13, 2024

To the Members of the 131st Legislature .

My name is Tammy Ramsdell, and I am a selectwoman for the Town of Limington, in the northern most part of the County of York.

I am honored to address the Appropriations and Finance Committee regarding LD 646 and to say that I am in favor of this amended version which would reimburse towns the full 100% of the property tax that was not collected under the original program.

The senior citizens who have lived in our small town for many years benefited from this program. Many grew up here, raised their children here and retired here in their modest homes. The property tax stabilization was a much-needed breather for many in this difficult economy. I believe that this is the story for many small rural towns like Limington.

And while it was a blessing to our senior citizen taxpayers, it will become a burden on our town budget, and all taxpayers without the 100% reimbursement of that lost revenue. Limington's loss of revenue is over \$105,000 which is no small share for a town of 3800 residents.

We strive to bring the necessary programs and services to our residents that they have earned, they deserve and makes our Town a wonderful place to live, Receiving the remaining 44% of the monies means that we will not have to cut back on those programs.

I urge the Legislature to pass this amended version of LD 646 so that our small towns will not have to raise that money in other ways, or cut programs altogether.

Respectfully,

Tammy Ramsdell

Selectwoman, Town of Limington

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