



TOWN OF LEDYARD CONNECTICUT

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March 17, 2026

Senator Martin Looney, President of the Senate
Legislative Office Building
300 Capitol Avenue; Room 3300
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Senator Cathy Osten
Legislative Office Building
300 Capitol Avenue; Room 2700
Hartford, Connecticut 06106-1591

Dear Senator Looney, Senator Osten, and Representatives Howard, Pemberton, Lanoue:

On behalf of the Ledyard Town Council, we write to transmit Resolution #003-2026/Mar 11(a), adopted by the Ledyard Town Council, expressing our support for Raised House Bill #5407, "*An Act Concerning State Reimbursement to Municipalities for Revenue Lost Due to the Property Tax Exemption for Veterans with a One Hundred Percent Permanent and Total Disability Rating.*"

The Town of Ledyard proudly supports the men and women who have served in the United States Armed Forces and especially those veterans who have sustained permanent and total service-connected disabilities in defense of our nation. Public Act #24-45 represents an important recognition of those sacrifices, and our community strongly supports the intent of the exemption established under that legislation.

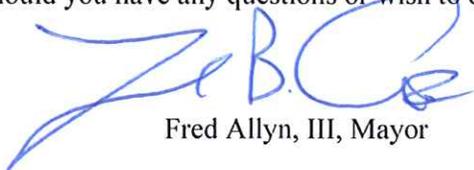
As a neighboring community to Naval Submarine Base New London and other regional military installations, Ledyard is home to many active-duty service members, veterans, and military families who contribute greatly to the fabric of our town. We remain deeply committed to supporting those who have served our country.

At the same time, the fiscal impact of this exemption is currently borne entirely by municipalities. As the number of qualifying veterans increases, the resulting loss of local property tax revenue places increasing pressure on municipal budgets and local taxpayers.

Raised House Bill #5407 provides a responsible and balanced solution by establishing a mechanism for the full reimbursement of municipalities for revenue losses attributable to the exemption. This approach ensures that Connecticut's commitment to its most severely disabled veterans remains strong while also ensuring that the cost of that commitment is shared equitably across the state.

The Ledyard Town Council respectfully urges the Connecticut General Assembly to support Raised House Bill #5407 during the current legislative session.

Should you have any questions or wish to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact us.



Fred Allyn, III, Mayor

Sincerely,



Gary St. Vil, Chairman

cc: Senator Anthony Nolan
Senator Martha Marx
Representative Greg Howard
Representative Larry Pemberton
Representative Brian Lanoue
Courtney Cullinan, Chief of Staff
Members of the Veterans and Military Affairs Committee

Town of Ledyard Support for Raised House Bill #5407

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TOWN OF LEDYARD RESOLUTION SUPPORTING HOUSE BILL #5407

*"AN ACT CONCERNING STATE REIMBURSEMENT TO MUNICIPALITIES FOR REVENUE
LOST DUE TO THE PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR VETERANS WITH A ONE HUNDRED
PERCENT PERMANENT AND TOTAL DISABILITY RATING".*

WHEREAS, the Town of Ledyard proudly supports the men and women who have served in the United States Armed Forces and recognizes the extraordinary sacrifices made by veterans who have sustained service-connected permanent and total disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ledyard strongly supports the property tax exemption established by Public Act 24-45 and believes that veterans who have sustained permanent and total service-connected disabilities deserve meaningful recognition for their sacrifices; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ledyard is proud to be home to many active-duty service members, veterans, and military families due to our proximity to Naval Submarine Base New London and other regional military installations; and

WHEREAS, Public Act 24-45, implemented on October 1, 2024, established a property tax exemption for veterans who have been determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs to have a 100% permanent and total service-connected disability; and

WHEREAS, the fiscal impact of this exemption is currently borne entirely by municipalities, resulting in a reduction in local property tax revenue and placing additional financial pressure on municipal budgets and local taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, Raised House Bill #5407, *"An Act Concerning State Reimbursement to Municipalities for Revenue Lost Due to the Property Tax Exemption for Veterans with a One Hundred Percent Permanent and Total Disability Rating,"* proposes to establish a mechanism for the full reimbursement of municipalities for the revenue losses attributable to this exemption; and

WHEREAS, providing state reimbursement would ensure that the cost of honoring Connecticut's most severely disabled veterans is shared equitably across the State of Connecticut rather than borne solely by the municipalities in which those veterans reside; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ledyard is required, by charter, to hold a public hearing on the municipal budget prior to the last Monday in April, develop and file said budget with accurate revenue projects with the Town Clerk by the first Monday in May, and subsequently adopt a final municipal budget by the fourth Monday in June;

Town of Ledyard Resolution Supporting Bill #5407

"An Act Concerning State Reimbursement To Municipalities For Revenue Lost Due To The Property Tax Exemption For Veterans With A One Hundred Percent Permanent And Total Disability Rating"

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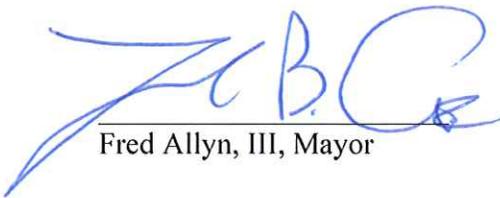
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ledyard Town Council hereby expresses its strong support for Raised House Bill #5407 and respectfully urges the Connecticut General Assembly to pass this legislation during the current legislative session.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Ledyard Town Council calls upon the Governor of the State of Connecticut and the Connecticut General Assembly to work collaboratively with municipalities to ensure that programs designed to support disabled veterans are funded in a fair and sustainable manner.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Council expresses its appreciation to the members of Connecticut's Veterans and Military Affairs Committee for their continued work on behalf of Connecticut's veteran community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Council Clerk is directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to Governor Ned Lamont, Senator Martin Looney, President Pro Tempore of the Senate, Speaker of the House Matt Ritter, Senator Cathy Osten, Senator Martha Marx, Senator Anthony Nolan, Representative Brian Lanoue, Representative Greg Howard, Representative Larry Pemberton, the Connecticut General Assembly Veterans' Affairs Committee, and the Connecticut General Assembly Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee to convey the Town of Ledyard's position on this matter.

Adopted by the Ledyard Town Council on: March 11, 2026



Fred Allyn, III, Mayor



Gary St. Vil, Chairman