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To: Coalition Communities

From: Jane Ferrini

Re: HB 1802

Date: January 12, 2018

Hello Coalition Communities:

As we have always suspected, there would be a day when a bill would be introduced to bring about the return of donor towns. That day has come. Representative Henle from Merrimack is the sole sponsor of HB 1802 attached. The bill requires municipalities to remit any excess Statewide Education Property Tax (SWEPT) to the state for deposit in the general fund. If passed, this bill would transfer approximately \$29,698,848 in excess SWEPT currently being retained primarily by Coalition school districts to the general fund. Although the prior donor town bill transferred excess SWEPT to the Education Trust Fund, the result of the current bill would be the same – the return of donor towns.

The Coalition Communities must oppose this bill.

There is a hearing scheduled on the bill before the Ways and Means for **Tuesday, January 23, 2018 at 1:30** in LOB Room 202. I will be testifying in opposition to the bill at the hearing on behalf of the Coalition Communities.

It is important to reach out to members of the House Ways and Means Committee to urge them to vote HB 1802 Inexpedient to Legislate. It is also important for you to reach out to your representatives and urge them to reach out to members of the House Ways and Means Committee in advance of the hearing on the 23rd to urge Committee Members to oppose this bill. I am in the process of preparing my written testimony. I will send you some talking points on HB 1802 next week but if you feel comfortable, feel free to reach out now to your representatives and the Ways and Means Committee Members prior to the receipt of those talking points. Please copy me on your letters in opposition to HB 1802.

The best way to send letters in opposition to HB 1802 is to email the Committee's research assistant Jennifer Foor at Jennifer.foor@leg.state.nh.us. You should ask for confirmation that your letter has been received and that your letter has been distributed to the Ways and Means Committee in advance of the hearing. I have also provided a link to the House Ways and Means below and a list of Ways and Means Committee Members.

<http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/house/committees/committeedetails.aspx?code=H28>

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Thank you for making the Coalition Communities' voices heard by opposing HB 1802.