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Knox County Commissioners  
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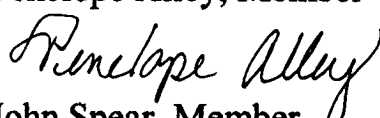
Dear Commissioners,

The Board of Selectman of the Town of South Thomaston urges you not to grant any assessment credits to Knox County cities or towns that maintain municipal police departments. While the Board sympathizes with high tax burdens endured by many "service center" communities, including the City of Rockland, it strongly feels that to provide financial incentives for individual cities and towns to create, and in certain cases maintain, municipal police departments is a step in the wrong direction. Indeed it is this Board's opinion that incentives to encourage intermunicipal cooperation and regionalization should be the topic of study and discussion, not further fractionalization.

Thank you for your consideration,

Edward Sleeper, Chair

  
Penelope Alley, Member

  
John Spear, Member

