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Proposed Occupancy Tax Law - Public Comment

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To: "Town of Clintonn\\" <townclerk@townofclinton.com>

Dear Town of Clinton Board Members,

As I am unavailable for this evening's Public Hearing, I respectfully request that you consider my written comment…

I don't understand the timing and need for the proposed **3% Occupancy Tax Law.** As Clinton's *current* Comprehensive Plan disallows large scale commercial lodgings, enacting a law that would *primarily* benefit from such facilities would seem premature, antithetical, and create additional legal risking significant management overhead for the town. ***Why not wait for the Comprehensive Plan Update before any such tax proposals, to ensure such proposals align with an updated Comprehensive Plan?***

Tapayers within the **West Clinton Fire District** will soon be unfairly saddled with the cost of infrastructure and staffing upgrades resulting from the need to support the Six Senses resort hotel. Yet under the proposed law, West Clinton Fire District will receive no direct benefit from this proposed Occupancy Tax. I suggest any proposed occupancy tax must *primarily* and *directly* benefit the fire districts where such taxes are collected, since *they* bear the most significant load in supporting commercial lodging facilities.

Lastly, there is no clear explanation on the reasoning behind the 3% number, nor calculations indicating expected revenue from such a tax, and no specifics on its dispersal. It would seem to be the formation of a Town Board "Slush Fund". Please vote NO.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best Regards,
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