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Support Burrillville Legislation Help assure electric generating facilities pay their share

Burrillville, June 1, 2017 –

Residents and Burrillville voters:

2017 – S 0714 and 2017 – H 5977 are bills the Burrillville Town Council asked our state legislators to submit that appear to be stalled in both the House and Senate. These bills amend the special legislation the Town had passed many years ago which allows the Town to negotiate a tax agreement with the Ocean State Power (OSP) Group. It is an important, but simple change that will assure that all property owned by a facility for the generation of electricity, such as OSP, will continue to be taxable by eliminating existing tax loopholes.

The current agreement between the Town and OSP provides for over \$2.8 million per year, payments from OSP. This payment directly offsets the taxes we pay. Failure to pass the legislation jeopardizes future tax agreements with the Ocean State Power facility. This could mean that over \$2.8 million a year would be passed off to you, the taxpayers, if the Town wants to continue with its capital improvement program. That program includes work on roads, bridges/culverts, parks and recreation, school and municipal facility improvements: key projects to help keep Burrillville beautiful.

There is no reason why these bills shouldn't pass this year. Waiting jeopardizes the Town's leverage to maintain these important tax agreements. Please contact our three legislators immediately: ask them to secure passage of this important Burrillville legislation.

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