



Town Council

100 Old River Road
Lincoln, RI 02865

SCHEDULED

RESOLUTION 2017-26

Supporting Veto of H5593 and S0285

RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING GOVERNOR GINA RAIMONDO'S VETO

OF H-5593 AND S-0285

AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS - ARBITRATION-
CONTINUANCE OF CONTRACTUAL PROVISIONS

WHEREAS, House Bill H-5593 and Senate Bill S-0285 were passed in the Rhode Island General Assembly and were transmitted to the Governor; and

WHEREAS, these Bills require that the contractual provisions contained in an otherwise expired collective bargaining agreement with certified school teachers and municipal employees continue until a successor agreement has been reached between the parties; and

WHEREAS, the practical effect of this legislation for the Town of Lincoln and other municipalities will be to place an unnecessary burden on the bargaining process between town officials and certain unions; and

WHEREAS, contracts with unions represent a significant portion of Municipal and school budgets; and

WHEREAS, these Bills may force the Town of Lincoln to adhere to provisions of a contract long after it has expired, and

WHEREAS, these Bills will have the practical effect of retroactively modifying union contracts that are in place to, among other things, potentially make them permanent, or to require perpetual annual raises when those provisions were never the intent of the parties negotiating the agreement; and

WHEREAS, those proposed changes are significant and were approved despite opposition from the municipalities.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF LINCOLN commends and supports Governor Gina Raimondo's decision to veto House Bill H-5593 and Senate Bill S-0285, and respectfully requests that the members of the General Assembly, especially Representatives Ackerman, Costantino, and O'Grady, along with Senators Paolino and Pearson do not override this veto as it could cause significant negative consequences to the Town of Lincoln and all other municipalities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Clerk is hereby instructed to submit a copy of this resolution to the Town of Lincoln's State Senators and Representatives, the Senate President, the Speaker of the House, the Executive Director of the Rhode Island League of Cities and Towns, all the Cities and Towns in the State of Rhode Island and the Governor in consideration of their support of the Governor's veto of this amendment to the General Laws

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon passage.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

Submitted by: Council President Keith Macksoud