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January 28, 2019 - First Selectman Vicki Tesoro has asked the Trumbull Town Council to consider a legislative act to implement the Municipal Tax Deferment Program for federal employees impacted by the government shutdown. On January 22, 2019, Governor Ned Lamont signed a bill passed by the Connecticut General Assembly, with bipartisan support, allowing municipalities to establish a program to defer the due date of specific property taxes owed by affected employees.

This program allows federal employees affected by the December 22, 2018 federal government shutdown to defer the payment of taxes on real property, personal property or motor vehicles, or water or sewer rates, charges or assessments, owed to the Town of Trumbull. Tesoro states, "Some federal employees have found themselves in financial difficulties due to the government shutdown. This initiative will provide some relief to Trumbull residents who are qualified federal employees."

A qualified federal employee is a federal employee who, during the shutdown, is both a resident of Trumbull, Connecticut and is a federal employee required to work without pay or is furloughed without pay.

The Town of Trumbull will not charge or collect interest on any municipal tax that is payable by an affected employee. Each tax deferred under the program will be due and payable without interest or penalty not later than sixty days after the date on which an individual is no longer an affected employee.

Eligibility for the deferment program will be determined by the Town of Trumbull. Evidence of eligibility may include such proof as a paystub or bank statement, an identification card, the federal tax identification number of the employee's employer, and a sworn affidavit from the employee indicating that the employee is currently a federal employee residing in the town and is required to work as a federal employee without pay or furloughed without pay.

President Trump agreed to lift the federal government shutdown on January 25, 2019, and signed a bill temporarily ending the shutdown for three weeks. Tesoro states, "Even though this shutdown is over, Trumbull's Municipal Tax Deferment Program will still provide relief by allowing any affected resident sixty days after the date on which that person is no longer an affected employee to pay their taxes due to the Town of Trumbull."

This resolution will be discussed at the Trumbull Town Council meeting on February 4, 2019 at 8 PM in Council Chambers at Town Hall.