

## Tammy Hodgman

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**From:** Barbara Bagshaw <bagshaw1@me.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 12, 2024 3:12 PM  
**To:** Tammy Hodgman  
**Subject:** Re: Invitation to Windham Delegation

Dear Town Councilors and by extension, residents of Windham.

I thank you for the invitation, but must decline at this time due to a scheduling conflict. I would appreciate it if you would read this statement at your meeting:

As a State Representative from Windham, I have consistently opposed legislation that increases property taxes. Unfortunately, over my opposition, the last legislature took several steps that will increase property taxes statewide.

- It eliminated the Senior Property Tax Stabilization Program after only one year rather than addressing its flaws in order to help seniors remain in their homes.
- It eliminated future negotiated increases in the Homestead Property Tax Credit.
- It removed a bipartisan property tax levy limit that protected homeowners from increases over and above income growth without voter approval.

To assist Windham taxpayers, I will support reinstatement of those items and look for additional ways to lower property taxes this session.

In general, I do not favor allowing municipalities to add additional layers of taxes on people that are already struggling to remain in their homes and keep up with the ever increasing cost of living in Maine. I am willing to consider anything that will directly lower property taxes in Windham.

Please feel free to contact me on pending legislation of interest to you this coming session. I appreciate your public service and value your advice. We truly live in a wonderful community.

Warm regards,

Rep. Barbara Bagshaw

Sent from my iPhone

On Nov 12, 2024, at 9:26 AM, Tammy Hodgman <tahodgman@windhammaine.us> wrote:

Good morning,

Congratulations on your successful campaigns! Our Council would like to invite you to attend their regular meeting on November 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM for a discussion of key items the Council feels may benefit Windham, and that they hope you can work towards during your time with the State Legislature.

Initially we had this conversation scheduled for this evening, but we had emails bounce back. Please advise if you can make the meeting on the evening of November 26<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you,

**Tammy Hodgman**

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