

TOWN OF WEST SENECA



SHEILA M. MEEGAN  
TOWN SUPERVISOR

To: Fellow Town Board Members

From: Sheila M. Meegan, Town Supervisor

Date: March 8, 2013

Re: **Resolution In Opposition to NYS Senate Bill 2605 and Assembly Bill 3005**

Kindly move to adopt the attached resolution in opposition to NYS Senate Bill 2605 and Assembly Bill 3005, which would provide that if certain vehicular and traffic violations are reduced to a lower penalty, portions of fines that are now retained by the municipalities in these cases would be given to the State of New York.

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**RESOLUTION IN OPPOSITION TO NYS SENATE BILL 2605 AND ASSEMBLY BILL 3005**

**WHEREAS**, towns, villages and cities throughout the State of New York are dependent upon the fine revenues collected in their courts, to cover a large share of Justice Court and Police enforcement budgets, and

**WHEREAS**, Legislation proposed in NYS Senate Bill 2605 and Assembly Bill 3005, if passed would provide that if certain vehicular and traffic violations are reduced to a lower penalty, portions of the fines that are now retained by the municipalities in these cases would be given to the State of New York, and

**WHEREAS**, if these Senate and Assembly Bills should pass, it is most likely fewer plea bargains would be reached which would lead to more trials which would clog the Courts and mean more expenses, not only to the local municipalities but to the State of New York, and

**WHEREAS**, in many instances overtime would have to be paid to enforcement personnel to testify as more cases go to trial, and

**WHEREAS**, the NYS Association of Towns testified and opposed these bills at a hearing on the Executive Budget on Monday, January 20, 2013.

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board of the Town of West Seneca deems it in the public interest to oppose this proposed legislation;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Town of West Seneca opposes S.2605/A.3005, and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Governor and New York State Senator Patrick M. Gallivan and New York State Assemblyman Michael P. Kearns.