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Dear Tax Collectors:

I would like to take this opportunity to **Thank You** for allowing me to be your President for the past year, it has been a very exciting and busy year. I want to thank the Executive Board for everything that they have done this year, they make the President's job really simple, they do so much work and make sure that everything is done that should get done for the benefit of the association.

One of my goals for this year was to get the executive board job descriptions done and this was accomplished. We worked hard on these, we went over each one and added somethings and subtracted somethings; and switched some with another position. I am very pleased that this was finished, so that everyone on the executive board knows what is expected of them in that position.

With a Judge not agreeing with the wording on the Tax Lien notice it has been very confusing and anxious time, but we came together with our own Town Counsel to make the decision to change the wording on the affidavit or not. I am sure the Software Vendors will have this done, if need be, by the time the next tax lien process occurs.

I went to the Connecticut Tax Collectors Conference in March, Terri Briand (Conference Coordinator) accompanied me, the conference was very interesting and we obtained quite a bit of information, some we are trying this year at this conference. I hope that you will be happy with some of the changes.

I have been able to attend quite a few meetings around the State, I have tried to get to as many county meetings as possible, I have enjoyed the ones that I have attended and I urge all of you to go to a county meeting, whether it is your county or another county, it is most informative and fun to attend these meetings, you get to meet so many other collectors; so I encourage each of you to attend one or more there is no charge to attend these meetings.

I also would like to urge you to attend the Certification program, it is such an educational and interesting experience, there is always so much to learn, and you get to meet so many Tax Collectors as well as Town Clerks, you learn a lot, meet a lot of people and have a good time as well.

And from my heart; this has truly been such a rewarding and fulfilling experience for me. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with and meeting more tax collectors, working with the executive board and getting to understand the association.

Thank you again for allowing me to be your President for 2014-2015.

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