



**House Ways and Means Committee**  
**Miscellaneous Tax Bill**  
*February 8, 2017*

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on the miscellaneous tax draft bill.

We are testifying on sections 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, and 17.

**Sec. 11 Commissioner Disclosure of Social Security Number, Federal ID Number, Email, Telephone Number.**

VLCT supports the inclusion of this language, which would be consistent with practices clerks are expected to follow today.

**Sec. 12 Homestead and dwellings owned by an estate.**

VLCT supports this provision. It seems to be common sense.

**Sec. 14, 16, 17 Information on Property Tax Bill – Common Level of Appraisal, and CLA.**

We understand that this was recommended by a summer study committee. We doubt the tax bill could be long enough to provide a reasonable explanation and we suspect few people would read the entire explanation. There is language that refers readers to a web based explanation.

**Sec. 15 May Merge into Common Assessment Districts to Standardize Valuation of Property.**

This is enabling legislation that gives towns an option for addressing assessment in new unified districts. It also contains a re-evaluation component after Five years. VLCT supports this enabling provision.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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