



# CITY OF AUBURN

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Assemblyman John Lemondes  
District Office  
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Auburn, New York 13021

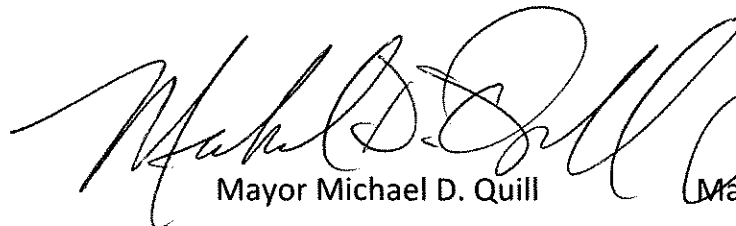
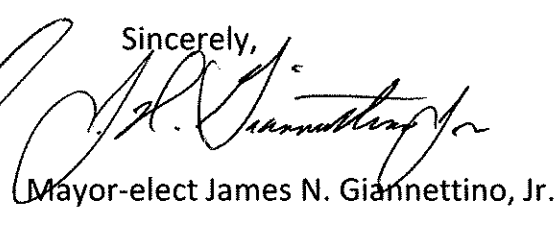
Dear Assemblyman,

We are writing to ask for your assistance to introduce State legislation to give the City of Auburn Home Rule Authority to establish a 5% Hotel/Room Occupancy tax in our City.

This legislation will provide our City with an important revenue source which will allow for our City to maintain local government services while not overburdening the property taxpayer. As the Finger Lakes region becomes more and more of a destination for travelers to our State the City of Auburn finds itself in close proximity to neighboring cities and villages that have established such an occupancy tax and we believe the time to move forward is now.

We closely monitored the progress that the Village of Skaneateles and Village of Weedsport recently made with the establishment of their occupancy tax and we anticipate that with your support this legislative session the entire required process could be completed by the end of the year 2024.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
  
Mayor Michael D. Quill  
  
Mayor-elect James N. Giannettino, Jr.