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# Media Release

## Local Agents Attend HB 5885 Legislative Sessions

**STORRS, CT – Tom and Elaine Burns** attended hearings on HB 5885 in Hartford, CT earlier this month. The State Bill, if enacted, would re-impose the extra transfer tax on home sellers in the state until June 2010. The state legislature has approved temporary extensions of this tax over the last several years. The tax is currently slated to end June 30, 2008.

“We felt it incumbent upon us to attend the state legislative meetings concerning the removal of additional transfer tax for home sellers,” said Elaine Burns. “The proposed additional tax can be a burden on some homeowners in this economy. As Realtors, we adhere to a strict Code of Ethics designed to protect and serve both home buyers and sellers. To that end, we feel it is important to understand how HB 5885 affects home sellers in the state.”

The husband and wife real estate team also recently attended seminars about short sales, acquiring valuable information & resources for home owners faced with that difficult situation. The Burns Real Estate Team's seminar attendance

followed receiving a new set of RE/MAX of New England honors in Boston in March.

The Burns Real Estate Team's commitment to their community is further reflected in their on-going support of several local & national organizations, including the Susan G. Komen Foundation, Children's Miracle Network, Board of Connecticut Health Charities, the Brain Injury Association of Connecticut, and Windham Area Relay for Life. Proud supporters of Mansfield Little League, The Burns Real Estate team are also returning as sponsors of their grandson's majors team. For more information, visit [www.BurnsTeam.net](http://www.BurnsTeam.net).