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To Whom It May Concern:

Governor Rell has proposed to divert current balances and \$12 million annually from the CIA to address the State's budget deficit. This is a bad idea.

Your Committee will be considering the proposal in the next several days as you craft a budget for the next biennium. Even in difficult fiscal times, the State must make strategic investments in the quality and health of our communities. The surcharge was established, and citizens have paid it, with the understanding that it would go towards these specific purposes. It should not be turned into a general tax. The programs funded by the CIA create and maintain jobs for a wide variety of *your constituency* including plain citizens such as me, construction workers, farmers and architects.

I urge you to not support the Governor's S.B. No. 828 AN ACT CONCERNING STATE REVENUE.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

s/Allen E. Horner, CPA