



Westport Historic District Commission

Town Hall

Westport, Conn. 06880

TO: Chairman Harp
Chairman Geragosian
Members of the Appropriations Committee

FROM: Margaret Feczko, Chairwoman, Historic District Commission
Betsy Wacker, Vice Chairwoman, Historic District Commission

DATE: December 8, 2009

RE: Proposed budget cuts to the Community Investment Act and the
line items of the CT Humanities Council and the CT Trust for
Historic Preservation

The Westport Historic District Commission is well aware of the need to reduce government costs in our state; however, we are concerned about any cuts to the CT Humanities Council or the CT Trust for Historic Preservation. They are essential to our historic preservation efforts providing expertise, resource materials, and matching grants for local projects.

Please oppose any cuts for historic preservation funding in the Community Investment Act. Historic preservation creates a desirable public environment for tourism in our town, brings in revenue, creates jobs, and provides a better quality of life for all.

cc. Joseph S. Mioli, State Representative 136th District
Toni Boucher, State Senator 26th District
Helen Higgins, Executive Director, CT Trust for Historic Preservation