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Co-Chair Toni Harp
Co-Chair John Geragosian
Senator Dan Debicella
Representative Craig Miner

Appropriations Committee;

As a family owned gasoline distributor located in East Hartford we respectfully request that you remove **line 16 of Governor Rell's November Deficit Mitigation Plan- REMOVED.**

This program, which is financed through the CT Gross Receipts tax, has already been reduced from \$20 million dollars to \$5 million dollars. These funds are used for the clean up of petroleum spills to protect our valuable water supply!

There is already a two year waiting list to gain reimbursement for spills which have already occurred. Further cuts to the Fund will impede future clean up efforts. The proper funding of the Tank Program ensures that the environment is protected and that CT family owned businesses can operate.

Please do your part in eliminating further cuts to the Tank Program and remove line 16 of the Governors November Deficit Mitigation Plan from future consideration.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Melody Barr
Director of Operations & Marketing