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Dear Appropriations Committee Member:

On behalf the Spanish American Merchants Association, a non-profit organization that provides technical assistance to small business owners. I would like to state that the Latino and Puerto Rican Affairs Commission have been very instrumental to our organization and our community. The commission has assisted our organization with opening of our Willimantic office, assisting our merchants with the WIC program and has also supported many of our projects. They have been a vital link to other community agencies as well.

We ask that you reconsider to maintain the Latino and Puerto Rican Affairs Commission in the State budget so that they can continue with their work.

Respectfully  
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