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TO: Joint Committee on Government Administration and Elections

Senator Edward Meyer, co-chair  
Representative Richard Roy, co-chair

Testimony in Favor of HB 6660

From Helen Higgins, Executive Director of the Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation:

I ask your support HB 6660, An Act Authorizing Bonds of the State for various State Grant Programs and concerning the Face of Connecticut Steering Committee.

The Connecticut Trust is Connecticut's non-profit statewide preservation organization, established by Special Act of the Connecticut General Assembly in 1975 (SA 93-75). It is committed to protecting and nourishing the vitality of significant buildings and landscapes through grants, loans, on-site technical preservation assistance, educational programs and publications.

This bill moves forward the important investment concept that defines the Face of Connecticut: strategic investment in our cities, towns, brownfields, farmlands and open space will result in an improved quality of life for the State. Such investment is in accordance with principles of smart growth. In this bill, multi-use projects will be funded, for example those that combine village center preservation with brownfields mitigation, or affordable housing with historic preservation projects, or farmland protection with investment in rural villages.

Please support HB 6660.