

March 21, 2011

The Honorable Laura Hoydick  
Legislative Office Building  
Room 4200  
300 Capitol Avenue  
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Representative Hoydick,

The purpose of my letter today is to express my strong opposition to raised H.B. 6460. The proposed bill would dramatically decrease the funding for Sound View, the largest third party, non-profit public, education, and government access center in Connecticut.

Sound View provides an invaluable service to thousands of residents spread across Stratford, Bridgeport, Milford, Orange, Fairfield, and Woodbridge. For the past 13 years, Sound View has been a regional leader in providing high quality, educational and informative programming. A decrease in funding would dramatically affect the level of service that Sound View is able to provide to these residents.

I strongly support the outstanding work that Sound View does. To take away their ability to deliver the highest quality programming would be a huge disservice to the residents in this area. We want our communities to be informed and educated; to hamper Sound View in their pursuit of this is ill conceived.

I hope you will consider the unintended consequences that raised H.B. 6460 would have if enacted. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

John A. Harkins  
Mayor