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Ms. Kate Fortier
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Dear Ms. Fortier:

I certainly understand the financial challenges which we are all facing in these difficult economic times. However, certain programs are of such importance that reductions in funding can put our residents in jeopardy in terms of their health or safety. One such program involves funding for those eligible for energy assistance. In Tolland some 181 Tolland households were approved and received funding last energy season for a total of \$109,363. It would be an unthinkable hardship should this funding be reduced by 50% since there is no where else for these residents to turn for help. I would encourage the State of Connecticut to at the very least maintain existing funding for this program and if possible increase the funding for the program to better serve area residents. No one in this area, State or Country should be faced with having their utilities shut off due to lack of funds.

Sincerely,

Steven R. Werbner

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cc: Beverly Bellody