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Date: February 20, 2013

To: Appropriations Committee

From: Mrs. Shawn Soljour

Re: Impact of consolidating African-American Affairs Commission with the Commission of Citizen Advocacy

Dear Appropriation Committee Members:

As an African-American woman, wife, mother and taxpayer of this state, I request a reconsideration of this biennial budget cut.

This cut would bring further devastation to the already under represented African-American communities in our state.

Our state has a great responsibility to protect the services and priorities of its African-American citizens.

Connecticut is championed for their animal and environmental protection; surely the African-American citizens of our state deserve equal representation at the Government level!

To co-mingle AAAC with the Commission for Citizen Advocacy is a direct assault against our right for proper representation!

Since 2010, the AAAC has both assisted and supported me with my Civil Rights/ Racial profiling matter that took place in my town of residence, New Canaan, CT.

This arduous duration is due to prior budget cuts within the AAAC commission, which is a great loss!

Please review the Brief Overview of the AAAC accomplishments attached to my email.

My husband and I have four daughter who will need this Commission to assist and protect their Education, their Health Equity, their Employment/Economic Development and in addition to their Civil/Judicial Rights: this will cement their Recognition of African-American Heritage.

Respectfully,

Mrs. Shawn Soljour