

WRITTEN TESTIMONY OF THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF BRISTOL

BEFORE THE JOINT APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATE PILOT PROGRAM

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2013

**FROM: MITZY ROWE
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I am writing to request that you support the restoration of PILOT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes) for the State Public Housing Program.

Based on current estimates, if PILOT is cut, then the Authority, under its cooperation with the Town of Stratford, would have to make a payment based on net shelter rent. This means the Authority would have to pay 12% of the rent it receives for its State Moderate Rental Program minus utility costs that it has to pay. This amount is estimated at about \$92,916 and would result in an approximate \$7,743 per month (or \$534 per year) increase to the base rent payers, which are traditionally the lowest income tenants that we have.

I urge that you restore the PILOT and not allow this cut to happen. It would affect 90 families with children in a very poor economic climate.

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