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Conn-NAHRO is the Connecticut chapter of the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Officials; its membership is comprised of Public Housing Authorities and other individuals and organizations involved in affordable housing.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE BUDGET FOR THE BIENNIUM ENDING JUNE 30, 2015, AND OTHER PROVISIONS RELATING TO REVENUE

Senator Harp and Representative Walker and members of the Appropriations Committee:

My name is Jeffrey Arn; I am the Vice President of Housing and Legislation for Conn-NAHRO. **I am writing in opposition of a portion of Raised Bill 6350 which would Eliminate PILOT funding for State of Connecticut Moderate Rental Public Housing Properties and would put the burden upon the residents of these developments to pay the PILOT payment to the Towns.**

There are approximately 8,000 low-income families residing in Bristol, Danbury, East Hartford, Enfield, Greenwich, Hartford, Mansfield, Meriden, Middletown, New Haven, Bridgeport, New London, Norwalk, Norwich, Seymour, Sharon, Stamford, Stratford, Westport, Wethersfield, Willimantic and other cities and towns will be subjected to higher rental payments without restoration of this program. If the PILOT funding is not restored the operators of these properties will be forced to increase the base rents for the tenants which will result in rent increases of \$35 to \$118 per month or \$420 to \$1,416 each year. This will be an unfair burden to pass along to those that can least afford it especially considering the amount needed to fund PILOT is a negligible amount of the State budget 0.008%.

On behalf of our member agencies and more importantly the residents of these properties, we request that you to please include funding for the PILOT program in the 2014-2015 budget.

Thank you for taking the time to read this testimony.