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To: Appropriations Committee

Re: Written Testimony State Pilot Program

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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 \$54,000 and would result in an approximate \$45 per month (or \$540 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 100 families with children in a very poor economic climate.

Thank you.

Respectfully submitted.