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To: Appropriations Committee

Re: Written Testimony State Pilot Program

From: Rebecca M. Fields
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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.

If the PILOT is cut, the Housing Authority, under its Cooperation Agreement with the Town of Mansfield, would be required to make a PILOT payment based on 12.5 % of the rents minus utility costs. Based on 2013 budget estimates, the PILOT would be \$29,962 and would result in an approximate \$71 per month (or \$856 per year) increase to the base rent payers, which are traditionally some of the lowest income residents in the Connecticut.

I urge that you restore the PILOT and not allow this cut to happen. It would affect 35 families with children in a very poor economic climate.

Thank you for your consideration on the elimination of PILOT and the impact it will have on our citizens who have the least. I understand we need to balance the budget, so let us look to ourselves, those who can afford to give more, to balance the budget.

Respectfully submitted.

