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February 20, 2013

Appropriations Committee  
 Room 2700, Legislative Office Building  
 Hartford, CT 06106

RE: Response to HB 6350 to eliminate Tax Abatements and PILOTs to  
 Municipalities for Affordable Public Housing Developments

Dear Committee Members:

Please accept this letter on behalf of the Westport Housing Authority and the  
 residents of Sasco Creek Village, 1655 Post Road East, Westport, CT.

The elimination of the PILOTs for Sasco Creek Village to the Town of Westport in  
 the amount of \$22,615 would likely result in rent increases for all 33 moderate  
 and low income families. The majority of families pay the base rents which  
 equates to 30% of their adjusted gross income. Raising rents \$25/month to  
 provide the income needed to pay the Town of Westport PILOT would place  
 many of our families at risk of homelessness.

I am therefor urging your support to reinstate the PILOTs and find alternate  
 solutions to the fiscal challenges facing the State. Shifting the expense burden to  
 families who are most in need of the assistance is a game changer for our  
 families. Thank you in advance for your consideration of our request.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carol J. Martin", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Carol J. Martin  
 Executive Director

cc: David Newberg, Chairman

