

Restore Pilot and Tax Abatement Funds to the Budget

Testimony by Daisy Franklin before the Appropriations
Committee

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Good evening ladies and gentlemen of the Appropriations Committee. My name is Daisy Franklin and I live at 82 South Main, apt # 2 Norwalk 06854. I am also the Vice-President of the Publicly-assisted Housing Resident Network.

I am asking for PILOT to be restored in budget of 2013-2014 for the residents of state public housing as well as the non – profit tax abatement properties . Why is it so important to keep the Pilot? Let me use these examples; when you're cleaning out your desk or closet, you're trying to get rid of things you don't need. Some things seem more important than others, but after you get rid of that item you felt wasn't important you find yourself looking for that very thing later. You then realize it's importance. Another example, you have a person in a plane that has to jump out. You take away their parachute! The end result is not pretty but this is what you are doing to the people affected by this cut. You are taking the parachute away from children, grandparents, single mothers and families already struggling to make ends meet. Families who don't have health insurance, not to mention sick leave from work to care for their children when they're ill. So when you look at your budget try to picture the children, grandparents and struggling families that will be impacted by your decision. We are just a step away from homelessness! Don't put us in the streets. Restore PILOT for state public housing and tax abatement properties.

Thank you,

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Network