

I wish to express my opposition to this bill that would divert millions of dollars from the Community Investment Act to a fund for healthy meals in schools. I'm sure most everyone agrees that caring for our children is a priority matter, however we should not be short changing one program to fund another. As a member of the Hamden Land Trust as well as several other conservation organizations I believe we have to continue preserving open space before we lose it forever to rampant development. Research has shown that nature and the environment play such an important part in our health, and that children need to develop more connections with nature to be their healthiest. I urge you to reconsider and fund the healthy meals program with dollars from the education budget.

Sincerely,

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Sent from my iPad