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Subject: Please Reinstate Full After School Funding & Create New Summer Learning Program

Hello Senator Bye, Representative Walker and Members of the Appropriations Committee,

I am Carla Conway, Family Outreach Coordinator and College Scholarship Coordinator for the Housing Authority of City of Norwalk. I want to add my voice in support of reinstatement of full after school grant funding for the Connecticut After School Program and the creation of a New Summer Learning Grant Program.

I have been involved with the free After School Program at Norwalk Housing Authority which has received funding from the Connecticut After School Program Grant since 2007. It has provided certified teachers to work with low-income public housing youth to improve literacy skills. I have seen great improvement in the skills and confidence of students in the program. Recently, a young girl entering college with funding support from the Norwalk Housing College Scholarship Program, which I oversee, told me that the Literacy Program had helped her and given her confidence. To me, the fact that she was going to college was a statement in itself.

Please provide funds for these important programs.

Thank you,

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