

Dear Senators:

I have lived in New Haven since 1978. My property taxes on a 1700 sq ft condo are over \$10,000. That is too much.

Over the years, I have seen more and more land taken off the tax rolls and sold to non-profits. Also, nearly everyone I know who works in those non-profits lives in the suburbs. For years most days I used to go to downtown New Haven to shop and for lunch; but now there is no “downtown” New Haven, because it has been converted into a day-time Disneyland for Yalies and out-of-towners and a night-time party town, like Hartford.

We, the residents of New Haven, need help. We cannot continue to carry the burden of providing for non-profits—especially those who take more than they give in return to the City—and the out-lying communities whose residents work in New Haven, but don’t contribute to its health and well-being.

PILOT was designed to rectify this problem. Please fulfill the State’s moral and statutory obligation to New Haven by helping us obtain the financial relief we so desperately need.

Thank you,  
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