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To: Honorable Senator Beth Bye and Representative Toni Walker, and to the members of the Appropriations Committee,

As a retired person and a former school teacher, I am concerned that my town receive its fair share of ECS funding. As you are aware, Haddam is the tenth most underfunded ECS town and this has been allowed to continue so for some time. It is clearly unfair to the residents of Haddam, who pay higher taxes than others in like situations. It makes people vote down proposed school budgets even when they would prefer to vote for them. It makes our real estate and businesses less attractive and can force those people and business owners having lower or fixed incomes to move. When business leave and are not replaced, and houses for sale remain empty, our situation increasingly, and unfairly, becomes worse. It is time you took action to restore and to maintain the balance that was the original purpose of this act.

Sincerely, Myra Aronow 1 Haddam Dock Road, Haddam CT 06438